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EDITOR'S VIEW

It's my pleasure to edit this book. The book has enlightened me about the importance of prayer. It has opened my spiritual eyes about Prayer life. After editing the book I understood what actually prayer can do in believer's life and how does the prayer life take us close to God. It's God given opportunity for me to be associated with this wonderful book which enlightened me about the greatness of God and how He answers our prayers. The author's personal experiences are a learning experience for all the people who are called for His. His dependence on God helps us understand how we need to depend on God for everything. The prayer lives of many heroes of the Bible have given me an opportunity to learn about the importance of prayer. I have comprehended how quickly God answers our prayers when we earnestly pray to Him in Spirit and in truth. My earnest prayer to God is that He may open our spiritual eyes to comprehend the importance of prayer life.

Thank you.

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Power of Prayer



What is prayer?

In Christian life it is talking to God. In the worldly, it is keeping request to someone who is an authority or head of an organization. For Christians, it is God given privilege to speak with Him. They can communicate to God through prayer. God also listens and answer the prayers. We will see those things in detail.

Unless a person has a good relation with God, he/she cannot pray. We love to talk to our beloved ones hours together. If we really love Jesus, how can we live without talking (Praying) to Him? If we have a good relation with God, we will enjoy long talk (Long Prayer) with Him. When we talk with him for long time, we will experience, that the spirit also will help us. Say the spirit will pray on behalf of us, its great experience. I myself enjoyed that experience many times in my life.

Kinds of prayer

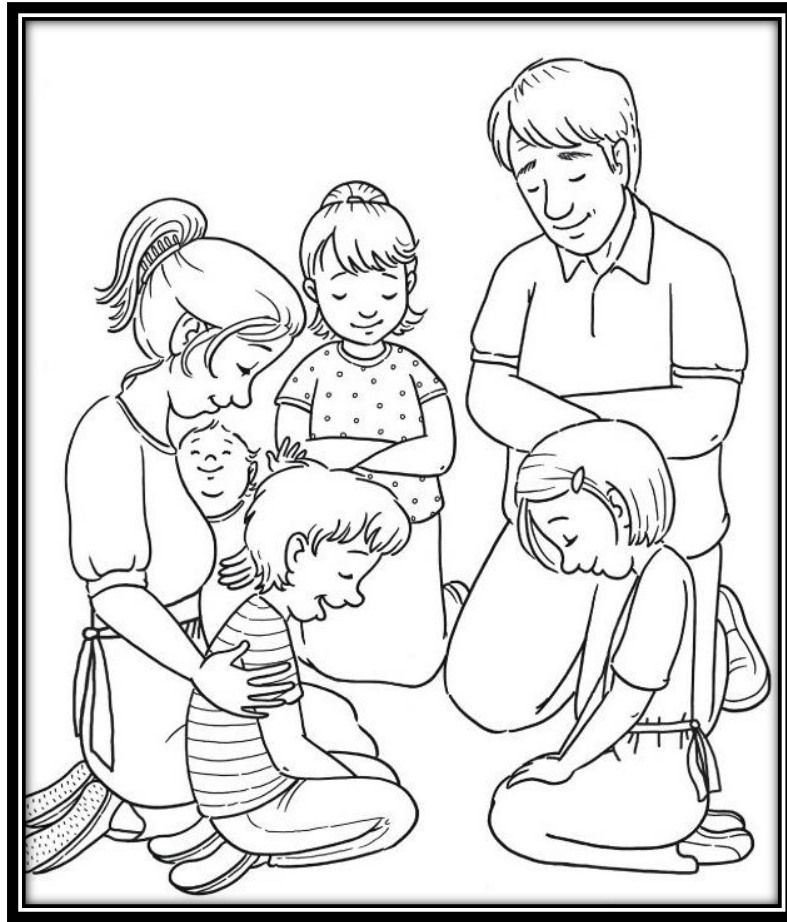
Personal prayers



This is the prayer of someone who talks to God alone to keep his/her requests and proposals to God. This prayer will strengthen someone in the spiritual life. There is a saying that the “Prayer less life is powerless life” so the prayer will give power to someone.

As for me I have learned this personal prayer life from my mother. She used to get up early in the morning and went to the terrace for praying. I used to follow her to watch what she does. I used to find her kneel down and pray for long time. Those prayers made me a great servant of God. Even in this age of 62 years, I’ll get up early morning and starts to prayer by 4:30am. I have also learned from her to be on knees during prayer. I can say that the personal prayers are making me strong in the spirit and also making my family and ministry to stand for Him.

Family prayers



his is very important prayer. There is a saying “A family prays together, lives together” this is also I have learned from my mother. Without family prayer, there is no food for us. We are four brothers one sister 1. Dr.Sadhu Sunder Singh, 2. Rev.Vara Prasad, 3. Me, Victor Prabhakar, 4. Mrs.K.Annamani, 5. Devasahayam. We all need to kneel down around the Kerosene lamp and pray. After our prayers my father ends with the closing prayer, then food. We are continuing that family prayers till today in our lives. In my life with the family prayers we start the day works, and with the family prayers we go to the bed. These prayers are make my family strong in the spiritual life to stand together for His glory.

Fellowship prayers



This comes to the Church prayers and also the group prayers. These prayers were so powerful to keep the Church strong. As for our Church we started the Church in 1993 with fifteen members, through the prayers it grown up to 5,000 in and out. When the Church prayed for Peter, he was released from the chains and the prison - Acts 12:5. Every first Monday of the month is our Church prayer day. All the Church members will gather by 10:00am prays till the evening 4:00pm. Every Friday from 6:30 pm to 8:30pm will be the church prayers meet. All the members gather to pray on that particular time to pray together. Those prayers were only keeping us strong for Him and to do the ministry.

Fasting Prayers



his is the most powerful prayer. We will see that in the city of Nineveh, when Jonah
Tproclaimed the message of God to the Nineveh people, they immediately did the
fasting and prayed to God including animals for the redemption of their evil deeds.
God answered their prayer by forgiving them. We can also see that in the life of Jesus on
the face of the Earth. He fasted and prayed.

This is an important prayer in my life. I used to spend forty days in fasting prayers. Sometimes seven days. One day during my visit to America, I was in fasting prayers. The lady of that house feared and told her husband, let Dr.Pasala stop the fasting prayers. If anything happened to his health, we cannot pay his medical bills, as it is very expensive in America.

After the seven days prayers I got the immediate result for those prayers. When I shared that to the family, they were surprised about the quick answer from God. I had many experiences like this. Right now I am having a quick prayer request to God. While I am writing, I am praying. God answered me right now. God asked to call the person who is the key for this problem. I called that person on phone, had the talk about the issue. I got the answer for that. Prayer is the secret for my success in the spiritual life. The fasting prayers will work very fast on the issues.

During the life of Jesus on the face of Earth, one fine day the disciples were unable to cast out the demon spirits. They asked Jesus, why we were unable to do that. Jesus replied those things take place through prayer only. Prayer and the fasting prayers are powerful.

As for me, I can say every Church and the family must have fasting prayers, to achieve the great things for His glory. Prayer changes the things.

Some truths of prayer

Confession in prayer

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness – 1 John 1:9



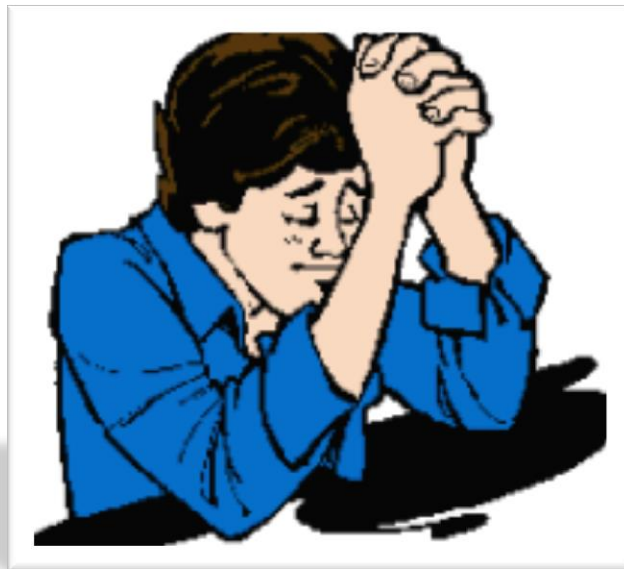
When we kneel down to pray, the first thing we have to do is to confess our sins what all we did till to that time. We need to cleanse ourselves in the blood of Jesus. Unless we do this, our prayers will not go to the God, because He is the Holy God. He expects us to be holy. This practice, I do every day. We do mistakes in many ways. Self-checking is needed for God's children.

Requests in Prayer

**First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made
on behalf of all men**

**For kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all
godliness and dignity**

This is good and acceptable - 1 Tim. 2:1-3



Lots of people does not know how to pray. Some people use hard words and some use unwanted words in the prayers. Many will not have the humble submission in the prayers. They pray as if they are talking to a subordinate. We must know that we are praying to the Living God who is the creator and ruler of both the Earth and Heaven. We are very small in front of Him. We can say we are like dust. Our prayer must be in the request mode. He is the provider; we need to know how to talk to the provider. Our request will please Him. He is pleased to help His children.

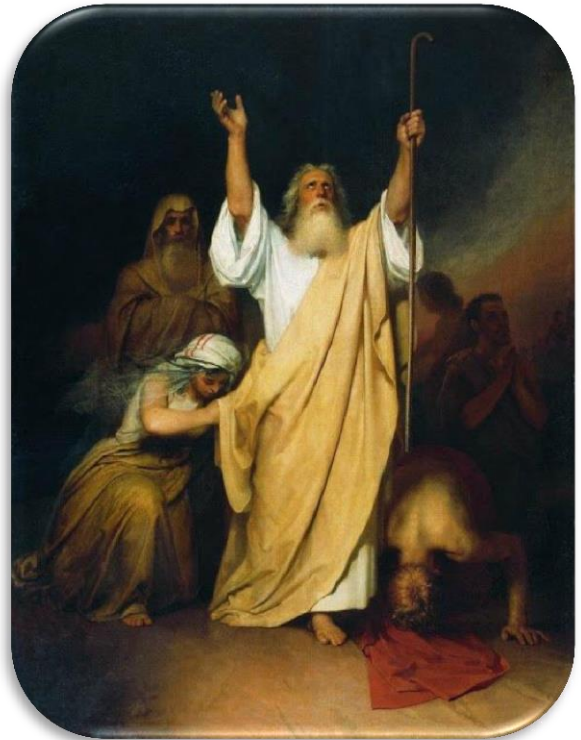
Intercessory Prayers

**The prayer offered in faith will restore the one, who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up,
and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him - James 5:15**

e will see that in the life of Moses.
When God wanted to destroy the
Israelites, Moses did the intercession

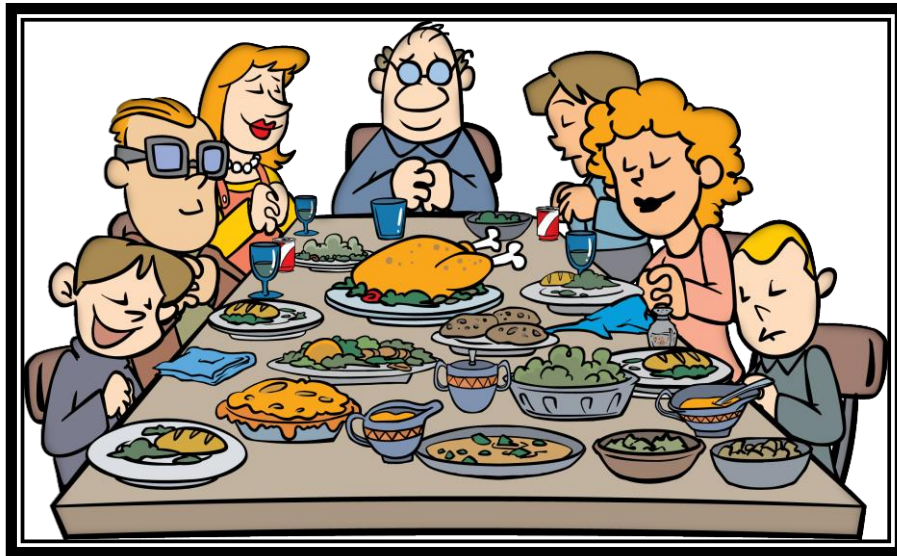
on behalf of the Israelites. He requested God not to destroy them. If we see in the other angel, God is acting like human and Moses is acting like God. Most of the times God servants and the parents will face this kind of experiences. I do this frequently in my life. Pray for the rebelling Church members, sometimes for the family members. It's great

experience. Unless you grow in the spiritual life it is not possible. When you go close to God, your nature will change. St.Paul's desire for the Church, and the individuals were to grow into the Christ likeness. When people see Christ in you, then you are called as a Christian. When people do not see Christ in the Christian, they are the nominal Christians. A nominal Christian is worse than anybody on the face of Earth.



Thanksgiving Prayers

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God - Philippians 4:6



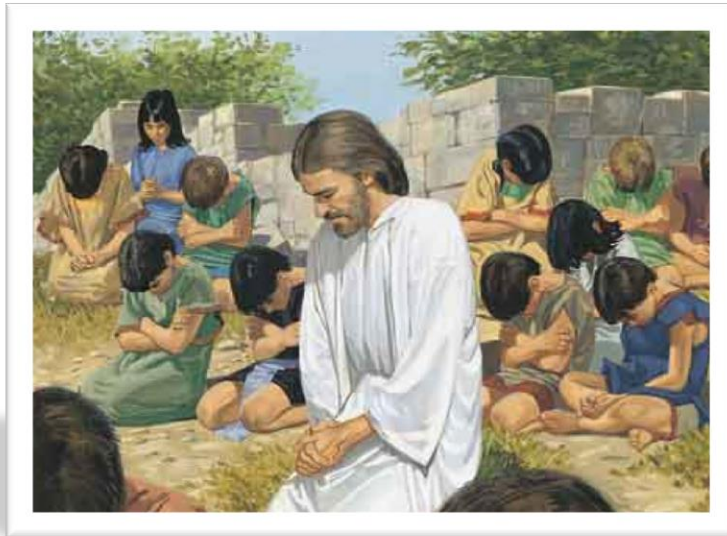
Scriptures said that you have received everything by the time you started the prayers. For that scripture says, thank God in the prayer, as He already answered your prayers.

I myself thank God all times, because He gave more to me. As the scriptures said “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us - Ephesians 3:20” without asking, I have received many blessings from God. As the matter of fact I have nothing to ask for my needs, as God gave more already.

Thanking God is the best way to honor Him. Thank God for everything. Sometimes favorable things will not happen, we need to thank God for that also. Troubles and the

pressures will make us strong in the spirit. So that we need to thank God even in the times of troubles and pressures.

We were bound to Pray



We have no other way; the only way is to pray to God for everything. As for me, there are no Godfathers/Godmothers. I need to pray to God for everything. That's only made me to pray early in the morning from 4:30am every day. When the problems and pressures come on me, immediately I rush to pray for the needful help. Other than God there is no one to help. Sometimes we will receive the help from people. Unless God gives that kind of hearts to them regarding me, how can they help? When God ordered the crows, they fed Elijah with meat and bread for some days. So the creator is God, the objects are the crows. "To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind - Ecclesiastes 2:26" sometimes this kind of things also happened. That is the

reason St. Paul said “Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ - Galatians 1:10” we are bound to pray and please God in everything.

Pray without ceasing

Pray without ceasing - 1 Thessalonians 5:17



Most of the people lose their prayer life. In the beginning they do more prayers. Gradually become week to pray. This is an act of Satan. Satan will not allow us to pray. He knows when we pray great things will happen. As the matter of fact “when we kneel down to pray; Satan will tremble”

As for me the prayer life in my life is increasing day by day. Even in this 62 years of age, I kneel down and pray hours together. That’s only the secret of the success in my spiritual

life. Satan always makes plans to attack me. If I don't continuously pray at the feet of Living God, where do I can stand in my life? My breath and life is Jesus. Without Jesus there is no Victor Prabhakar. My existence is only in Jesus. There is no life to me without Jesus. So that I am bound to pray to God all time in my life.

What the Bible said about Prayer?

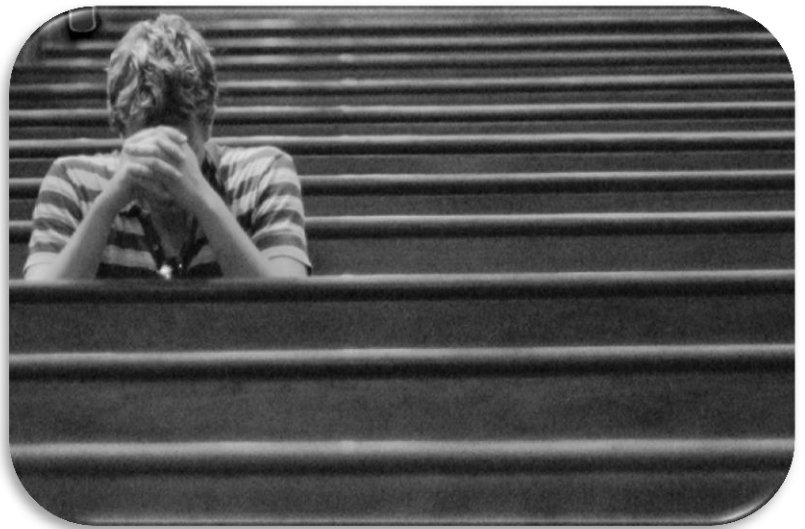
God commanded us to pray

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you - Matthew 7:7

Watch and pray; that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak - Matthew 26:41

Lot of people think that God knows everything, we need not pray. God knows our needs; He will supply all our needs. He doesn't please in lazy people. Some people with their laziness criticize God for their failures. There is a saying "without asking, even mother will not

give anything to the child" it says one should not be lazy. For some people asking is itself a problem. Jesus taught very clearly and will be given. It says without asking, we don't get anything. Asking means Praying.



In the other scripture, Jesus told them to pray, not to fall in temptations. It says if we don't pray, there is every possibility to fall by the temptations. Coming to the disciples at Gethsemane garden, they do not know what is going to take place in the next minute. They do not understand the command of Jesus by that time. If see in the other side, what made Jesus himself to pray. If we go through the trinity, father, son and the Holy Ghost are one. To whom Jesus is praying? He is praying to himself. He is teaching to the disciples and to the mankind practically to pray. There is sayings "preach what you practice" there are some great people on the face of the Earth, they don't pray, but ask the people to pray. Jesus was the good teacher. He told the disciples and mankind in practical way to pray. So it is a command to pray. I took it as the command to me and doing it regularly to please God and to receive the mighty power from Him to live for His glory.



Prayer leads us to the presence of God



Seeing then that we have a great high priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God; let us hold fast our profession.

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need -

Hebrews 4:14-16

David in his prayers to God requested “Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me - Psalm 51:11”

David knows the importance of the presence

D of the God. Many people do not like to be in the presence of God, due to their evil acts. Darkness cannot come to light. Presence of God is holy. Someone must keep himself holy to sit in the presence of God. In the prayer you can clean yourself with the blood of Jesus, which makes you to come close to God. So the prayer is the channel for us to come to the presence of God.

As for me, I spend much time in prayers. Whenever I feel to pray, I will kneel down immediately and start praying. Some times during our works, the spirit of God give pressure to go for the prayer immediately, for some urgent reason. We don't know that by that time, later on we will come to know why the spirit of God pushed us for the prayer. One must experience these kinds of experience. Prayer less persons will laugh for these kinds of experience.

The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit - 1 Corinthians 2:14



Ask things specifically in prayer

If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer - Matthew 21:22



We must be specific in our prayers. Most of the people pray without specifications. Sometimes they don't know what they want. One day I invited one of my friends for the dinner. He is the Pastor to a large Church in the city. I paid the bill for the food. When the food was over, the friend asked me, why you invited me for the food? As the matter of fact, I have the reason for that. Then

I asked him, if God appears to you in this night and ask you, want you want? He immediately said, I will ask God to give some time to think. For the reply to my question, he also asked me, if it happens to you, what you do? I told him, without any delay, I will put all of requests in front of Him. Here the thing, that Pastor does not know specifically of his needs. This is the problem of many people. We must know specifically our needs. Coming to my personal experience, when I need a wife, I am very specific. I need a woman who helps me in the ministry. I have not asked for a beautiful woman. God gave me such a woman. Coming to the children, I asked God for the son. He gave me a son, we dedicated him for the ministry. Now he is doing wonderful ministry. It is not for the marriage and children. We must be specific for everything, like our daily needs. Sometimes we don't receive things from God, because we don't ask God specifically for our needs.

Prayer leads us to good relationship with God

One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple -Psalm 27:4

When it comes to Moses, God spoke to him like a friend “The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent - Exodus 33:11”



Prayer leads us close to God. When we pray we call Him as father. So our relation will be like a father and a son. We may not share certain things with own people. But we can share everything with God. He can understand and redeem us from every situation.

Coming to my personal life, I spent much time in prayer. When I accepted Jesus as my personal savior I left all my friends. Most of them were Hindus. I wish them when we meet face to face, if any work is there. But I cannot sit with them hours together to chit chat worldly things. They cannot talk more than the worldly things, because they don't know Jesus. So my friend is Jesus. I really share everything with Him. I spend much time with Him. It is so sweet to spend more time with Him. This will lead us to deep spiritual life. We will also have the spiritual glow on the face. People were unable to see the face of Moses; "he said, "You cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live - Exodus 33:20" "they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD - Exodus 34:35" our prayer life also makes us like that. It brings us to close relation with God.

I know one youth Pastor, he preaches well. He is also the T.V and big meetings speaker. Same time he maintain the friendship with the Hindu friends, spent much time with them even in the late nights with his wife. Sometimes he goes with friends to picnics on Sundays by leaving the Church services. We can understand what kind of relation he is having with Jesus. We can estimate the fate of the Church because of this kind of Pastor. Scriptures said very clearly "Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly - James 3:1" most of the Pastors doing this kind of ministry. I have seen such Pastor's families destroyed.

God servants must spend more time in the prayers. To preach one hour, they spend two hours in the prayers. Prayer less Pastor is the power less Pastor.

Prayer life leads the layman and Pastor to close relation with God. It is my life experience.

Humble and Holy prayers

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land - 2 Chronicles 7:14

Many people pray like the Pharisee “The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people--robbers, evildoers, adulterers--or even like this tax collector - Luke 18:11”

I know many people like that, when they start to pray, they use all Bible verses in their prayers.

We can say they preach in the prayer. In the prayer they criticize the co-workers and believers. They will get their fruit. God loves to see us in humbleness.

One day during my prayer time in the early morning at 4:30am, my spirit left me and went into the space. I am watching the galaxies around me. By seeing those things and the atmosphere, I glorified the great God and His majesty. Same time I feel myself, what am I in front of this great God. I felt myself that I am less than dust. I can say I became like dead dog, kept my face down to earth and glorified the Living God and His majesty. As for me there is no way other than keeping humble and holy in front of Living God.



Confess sins before Prayers



If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened - Psalm 66:18

The first and most important thing before the prayer is to confess our sins and get cleansed, then we will have the connection with God. It is like telephone box, as soon as we give ring, we will listen the other side people voice. Unless we drop the coin in box, we will not connect to them, when we drop the coin in the box, then both side people can hear each other, then the conversation will start. As long as we don't confess our sins, we will not connect to God. Some people will say that they did no sin. For such people the scriptures are very clear "If we aim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us - 1 John 1:10" because of this reason many people prayers are not

reaching God. Isaiah also mentioned in his book “But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear - Isaiah 59:2”

As for me, I confess my sins first and then feel the connection with God. Same time after getting connected to God, we feel the light surrounding us. When I felt the light, then I start my prayer. Otherwise I know the prayers will not go to God. Sometimes I take more time to get connected to God. The reason, I will forget some mistakes. I confess for the simple mistakes like bothering others with words. Most of the people think that is not a sin. If we go to Adam and Eve, what big sin they did? Just they disobeyed. In these days, that will not count for the people as they totally disobey God. Because of this reason, people are going down in the spiritual life. If we watch David’s life “Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin - Psalm 32:5” because of his confession, God blessed him and used him. So with my life experience I can say one hundred percentages, to confess our sins are very important before the prayers.



Holy Spirit flow on us in prayer



Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before.

John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?”

He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth – Acts 1:4 - 8”

Now we are living in the age of Holy Ghost. The God of Holy Ghost pleases to come up on us during our prayers. In other words, He will dwell in us. When the Holy Ghost come up on us what will happen?

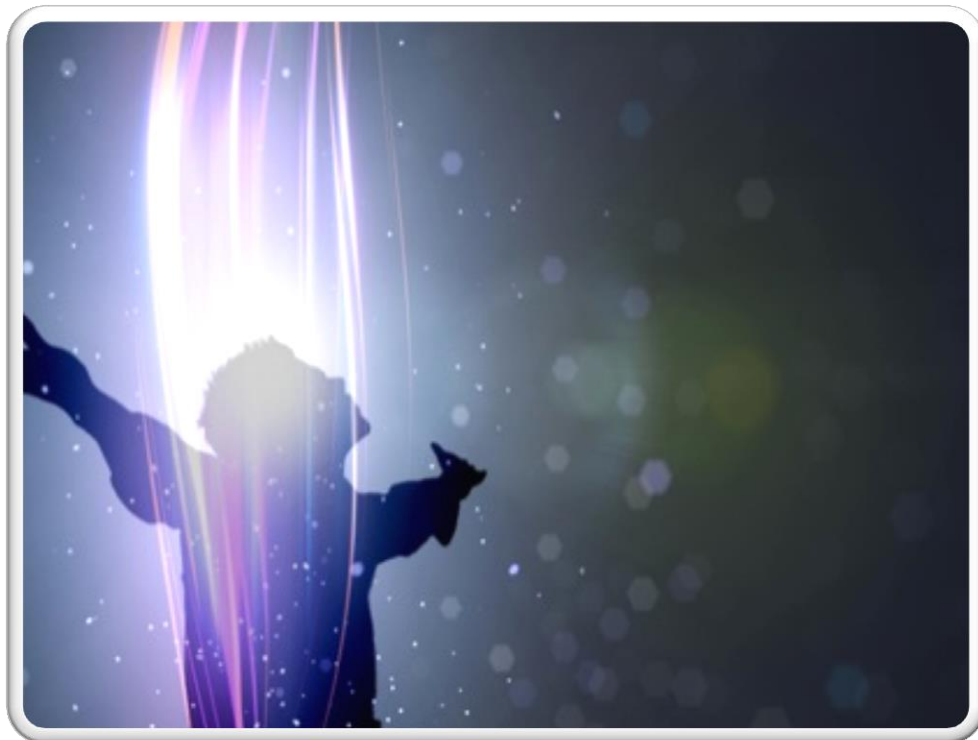
“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them - Acts 2:4”

It was the great experience to the early Church. By the grace of God we are having this experience very often. What a great privilege that the God of Holy Ghost come up on us. Many people think this is only for the Pentecostal Church. Some Churches oppose this movement.

One day I was invited to preach in a Lutheran Church. Before my message the Lutheran Pastor told me in front of congregation, I should not use the word Halleluiah during the message time. He believes that the word of Halleluiah and the Holy Ghost belongs to the Pentecostal Church. In the early Church the Holy Ghost came up on the people on the day of Pentecost. It is a festival, there is no Pentecost Church. Christ is the head of the church. Every church needs the Holy Ghost. When my turn came to preach, I explained to the congregation the meaning of Halleluiah and importance of Halleluiah. Further I told them the heaven is filled with shouts of Halleluiah. If any one of you in this congregation wants

to go to heaven, practice this Halleluiah from here itself. I asked all of the congregation say loudly the word Halleluiah. They started shouting Halleluiah repeatedly. The God of Holy Ghost fall on the total congregation. The Lutheran church was filled with Holy Ghost. I told them Luther aim is not to start the Lutheran church. He fought for the reformation of the Church to bring it out from the idol and candlelight worships. The scriptures are very clear “You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ - Romans 8:9”

What a great privilege for us that the God of Holy Ghost lives in us. During my prayer times Holy Ghost falls on me abundantly. In that time I shout loudly, praising God in tongues and sometime jump and dance. While I am writing I am feeling the presence of God of Holy Ghost.



Pray continually

Pray continually - 1 Thessalonians 5:17

This is important thing. Everyone starts the prayers vigorously and close it pathetically. Satan always does his best to the believers to stop their prayers. Prayer is so powerfully thing. When we kneel down to pray, Satan will tremble. Prayer changes things. If we notice in the lives of believers, they will fail to do the



continue prayers. When we stop the prayers, you are opening the doors for the Satan. Jesus gave a better example for this in Gospel according to Mathew “When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’ When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation - Matthew 12:43-45” when we are in the prayer life the demons leave us. Once we stop the prayers, as the scriptures said, eight demon spirits will enter into the life of a person.

Coming to my life, I thank God, for the continue problems in my life. Those problems are making me to pray more every day. In one of my troubles, God asked me to pray more. In those days I was in the prayer more than ten hours per day. I did like that for a week days. I am feeling little week in body. Then I asked God can I stop it. God told me to pray continually. I did it for one more week. Then God said it is finished, you can do the prayers like regular way, that how I do every day. One fine day one of school teacher met me and told about the demon attacks on me. She told one the teacher who involved in the team to stop our Church services, send some demon spirit to kill me through a witchcraft man. He sent a demon spirit on me, it gone back to that man. He told that to the teacher, that the Pastor is having big spirit with him, that spirit not allowing the demon to enter into his house. She gave more money and asked him to send big demon spirit to kill him. Then that witchcraft man told her, the demon spirit which I sent kills him, if not it will kill someone. If it fail do so, it will kill you. She agreed for that. One fine day we came to know that lady died. These things happened when I was in the more prayers in the two weeks. Every day I spend much time in the prayers. Mostly, the early morning prayers from 4:30am are so strong and keeping me to stand in the ministry. When we love to live for Jesus, then we will be in the sights of Satan. His attacks will starts. Prayer only can protect us. All these 62 years I am continuing the prayers morning and evening prayers. In any time, I was lack in prayers, immediately I use to face the attacks of Satan. That's the reason the scriptures said keep the spirit burning "Do not quench the Spirit - 1 Thessalonians 5:19"

With my personal experience I can tell the whole world, we are bound to pray continually till the last breath.

Repetitive Prayer

He left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words -

Matthew 26:44



Jesus spoke a parable unto them to this end that man ought always to pray, and not to faint

The Parable of the Persistent Widow: Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: In a certain town there was a judge, who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, Grant me justice against my adversary. For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me. And the Lord said, Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth? - Luke 18:1 – 8

This was an interesting prayer. Many people think why should we do the same prayer every day? That also makes them not to pray regularly. They think we need not do the prayers every day with the same requests. Sometimes we pray for one thing for very long time. Sometimes the prayer requests will not take place in the quick manner. God act in His own time. He will not be quick or delay. There will not be denies, but there may be delays in the prayers or the presence of God. As I was born in the Christian family, I had the habit of pray every day. When I accepted the Christ Jesus as the personal savior in the year 1972, from that time the real prayers started in my life. pray with the full mind, soul and the spirit. Those prayers are continuing till today. I get up in the early morning four thirty for the prayers. I can say those prayers only making me to stand for Him. I have the enough experience that many times I do the repetitive Prayer, Same prayer for many years. Sometime there were the movements that I thought, is God is listening my prayers or not? If we are not in the spirit of God, there may be the danger for us to go away from the presence of God. God taught me in the practical way to do the prayers with our out faint. There were situations that God acted fast in the certain situations to meet my needs or the problems. Sometime there were the situations till today that I am doing the prayers repetitive Prayer. I love to advise you from my personal life and the ministry, not to disappoint for the delays of answers to your prayers. God will answer the prayers on time. So let's do the repetitive prayers till God answer.

Pray with faith

Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him - Hebrews 11:6



Most of the Christians do the prayers. Whether they are nominal Christians or believers, they do prayers. Some do the namely prayers. Some do the habited prayers. I did that in my childhood. Without prayer my mother never use to give food. For the sake of food and fear of mother use to make us pray. Prayer changes things. But there is no change in the lives of people due to their prayers with our faith. Prayer means to talk to God. If we have no faith in Him, how can we expect the things from Him? Unless who believe in Him how can we pray to him. Most of the people do the nominal prayers. When there is some to provide their needs, why should they pray to God? These

are some reasons for the people not pray with faith. Some parents do the spoon feeding to the children. As long as they receive the things, they don't know the value of prayer of faith.

Coming to my life, if don't have faith in prayers, there is no life for me. There is no one to help on the face of earth. My help and refuge only in Jesus. My faith in the prayers is only making me to stand for Him. Now I am 62 years, I don't go to doctor. God is protecting me with good health.

During my stay in the America, I was happened to go with a Pastor to see doctor as that Pastor got problem with his eye. That doctor is also a Christian. He came to know I came all the way from India to see that American Pastor. While we are talking, the impressed with my talk and said, I will do free medical check to me. I told him it is not necessary. He pressurized me for that. As it is free I told it's ok. After the reports he got, He told me that I was blessed with good health. Under any circumstances, I don't get blood pressure. He said, God blessed me with good health.my health through the faith in the prayer. I know some God servant`s, they always roam around the hospitals with sickness. It clearly speaks about their faithlessness in prayers. Some die with their diseases. Some God servants direct the believers to the hospitals. It is very sad thing. Instead of directing the people to the Jesus, they direct them to doctors. This only because the prayer without faith.

God's will revealed through prayer

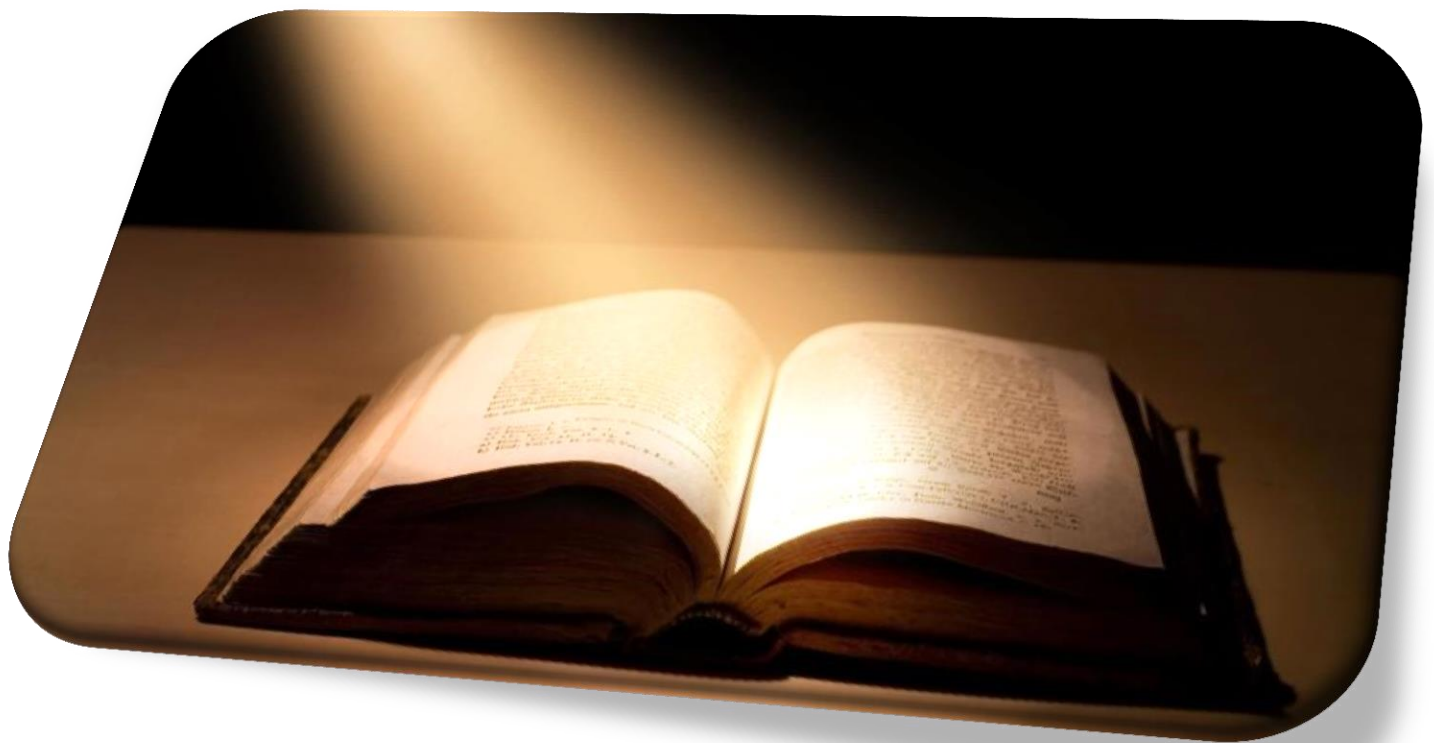
Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. 2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” 3 So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off - Acts 13:1-3



Here we see how they came to know God plans. That's how the early church did their works. They have waited at the presence of God to know His will.

Now a day's people do things on their own and face the failures. First thing there is no prayer life. When they doesn't pray in their lives, where they can find the will of God. Here the prayer life is the first, in the prayer we will find the will of God.

As for me, I don't do anything in my life without the approval of God. In one of my American trip, I was about to take flight from my home town at 9:15am. While I am praying in the morning, God revealed me that I have to stop my visit to America on that particular day. I called my travel agent to cancel my ticket. Then he told me that I will forfeit the total amount of the ticket. I told him it is not the problem, when God said to stop; I need to obey to His order. After some time he called me and said that I have not lost my money. I got all the money back. When God revealed some thing in the prayer, we need to follow that. God will take care about the remaining things.



The Holy Spirit helps us to pray

The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans - Romans 8:26



This kind of experience comes only in the deep prayer life, when we spend much time in prayers. At some point we become dry in spell the words. We can have this kind of experiences, while we cry in our deep sorrows, at one point, tears will not come out of the eyes. Same time the voice also goes very low. At one point we don't get voice to spell the words. But some kind of low motion words go out of our mouth. Nobody could listen those words that what we were saying but we feel ourselves that we are saying something. Likewise, our deep prayers will takes us into a situation where we cannot spell any words from our mouth because of the tiredness. In that kind of situations the Holy Spirit moves in

us and do the prayers on behalf of us. It was really a strange experience. We know what we are praying, but that's not our own words, the Holy Ghost pray on behalf of us. I had this kind of experiences many times.

During our Church problems, we were thrown out from the mission school all of sudden. There is no place for the worship. By that time we used to have around 500 congregations. Where we will take those people, it made me mad and started the prayers with tears. At one stage I am rolling on the ground and praying loudly. While in the pray, I lost my voice, became like dumb. In that time the Holy Ghost is praying on behalf of me. I know what prayers are going through me, but that not me, the Holy Ghost. It was a great experience. Same time we will get the fast reply for such prayers. It's happened for us on the occasion. God opened the doors for the worship. We had ten years worship at the government Community Hall.



Listening God in prayer

Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not

Know - Jeremiah 33:3



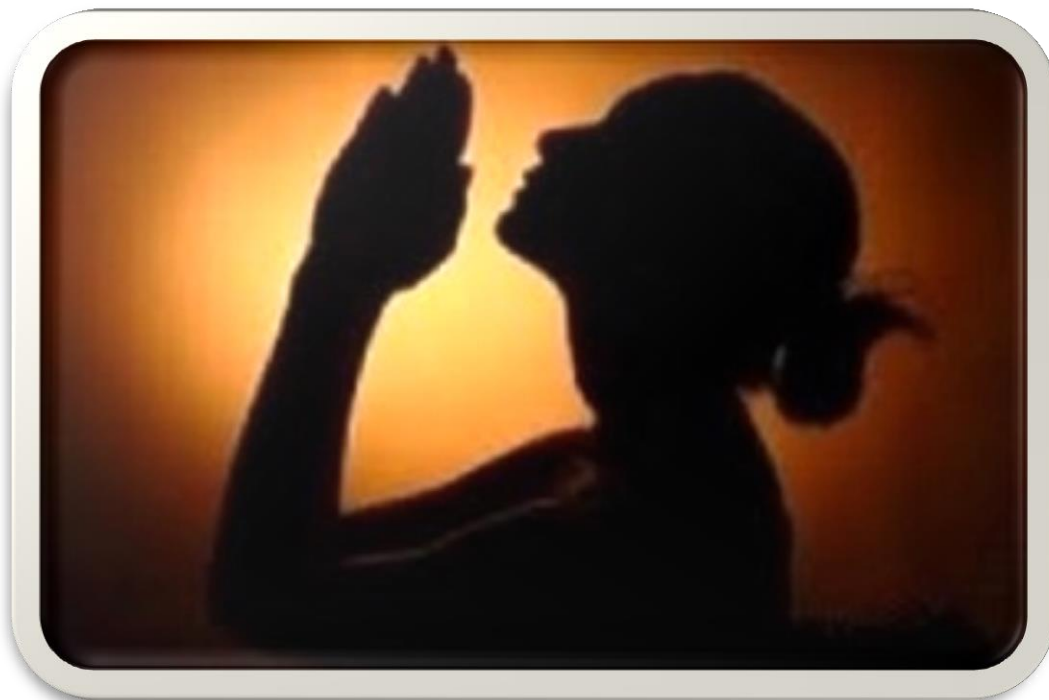
Listening to God in the prayers is an important thing. This experience will come to someone in the deep prayer life. Nominal prayers will not have this experience. Lot people fail here. As we have shared, prayer means, talking to God. When we are talking to Him, He will definitely, talk with us. God love to talk to his people. Most of the people tell their needs to God and finish the prayer. Some people think, prayer means just begging God.

One day I visited one Christian businessman house. While we are talking about the prayer, his wife said that she prayed six years back. I questioned, there is

no prayer for the six years? Reply to my question, she said, I have no reason to pray to God. He gave good husband, children, house and everything I need. Why should I pray? In her thinking, prayer means asking God for the needs. For such people, listening God in prayer is like a joke.

When we pray, after telling everything to God, we need to keep silence and wait to hear the God's answers. For that we need to spare the time. Sometimes it will take long time. Sometimes we don't get any reply. That's depending on the situation. When there is an urgent need, God definitely speak.

Coming to my personal life, I don't do anything without the direction of God. I have learned this from my father. He used to tell the children, do not be emotional. Do anything with the guidance of God. In our childhood we used to live in a thatched house. That house without electricity. We four brothers, sister together with mother and made an agenda to talk to our father, to shift to a rented house or a building, where we will have the electricity. Our father listened all of our agenda, and with smile he replied, God must tell to do that. We stayed in the same house for twenty years. After that we constructed the concrete building there itself. Our father taught us practically, we need to hear God in the prayers.



Pray with one heart one mind

Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven - Matthew 18:19



This is the problem with families and the Church fellowship prayers. Most of the families do not do the prayers with one accord. This is the ticklish work of Satan.

Quarrels some short of misunderstanding in the family give room for these kinds of things. When wife say yes in prayer, husband will say no. husband prays for big things, wife pray for the small things. In every situation, they don't come for one agreement. This atmosphere will not allow God to come into our Midst. Because of this reason, many people do not receive any thing from God.

When Church prayed with ones in heart and mind, Peter was released from the prison. Oneness is so powerful and does the great works of God.

Coming to our ministry, we are archiving everything through the Prayer with one heart and one mind. When we have one accord in the prayers, Satan will go away from us. It will be defeated by our prayers with one heart and one mind.

In the early church they have seen the wonders through the prayers in the one heart and one mind. Those prayers added the new people to the church every day.

This kind of things happens in our Church also. We do the prayers in the one heart and one mind for the growth of the Church both in the number and spirit. We are seeing the results for all these twenty two years. We also believe that the living Church is the growing church. How the Church grow? It's only, through the prayers in one heart and one mind.



Encouragements for Prayers

But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint – Isaiah 40:31

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples - John 15:7-8



Prayers need the encouragement. God will encourage us for prayers. As for me, God **P**wakes me up in the early morning for the prayers. He also encourages me by granting the things what all I asked.

I myself encouraged the Church members by telling the way God answered me for the prayers. Also encourage them to pray early in the morning. I use to send the phone messages to the members to wake up for the prayers.

In the church I allow the people for the testimonies that how their prayers were answered. Those testimonies will encourage others to pray for their needs.

I always encourages myself to do more prayers, because the way God is helping me and the ministry. At the same time, with this spirit I also encourage others. Even the little children also need the encouragement for the prayers.

“Encourage one another in the prayers”



What Jesus said about Prayer?

Jesus the example for Prayer



If we go through the trinity, we will find the Era of father, Era of son and era of Holy Ghost. These three are one, worked in different ages. The three are one God. The father God, Son God and the Holy Ghost God. When Jesus was God, what was the need for him, to pray for himself? Jesus was having many titles; the best title among them was “The Good Teacher”. Why he was the good teacher. Because He taught the things, that what he was practiced? There is a saying “preach what you practice” now a days most of the God servants preaching what they do not practice. That’s the reason the church is going down spiritually. Jesus showed the practical prayer life and asks them to pray. There were more prayers in the life and ministry of Jesus. In every situation Jesus uses to found time for the prayers. Jesus was our model for the prayer life.

Jesus taught the prayer

They asked Jesus how to pray: Luke 11:1-13

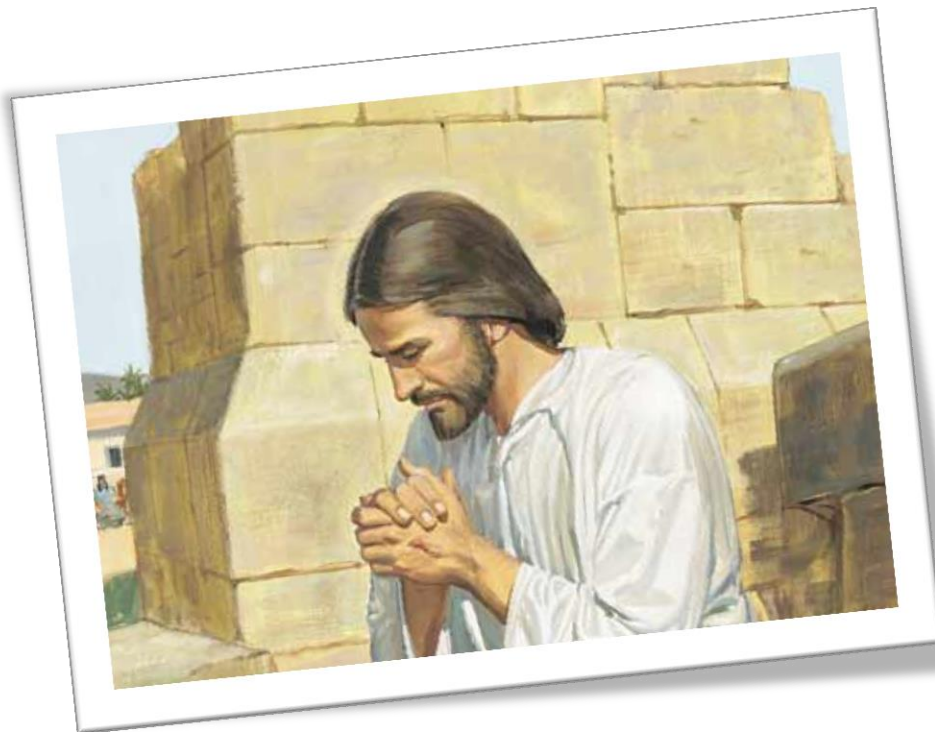


Jesus taught the prayer to the disciples and to the mankind. In the other words, we call it as the Lord's Prayer. This prayer was meaningful prayer with great message. Most of the churches use this prayer at the conclusion of every meeting. The prayer speaks about the majesty of God. Explain the relations with God. Protection from the temptations, forgiving others sins and trespasses. Our daily bread, our sins will be forgiven as we forgive others. It is the great prayer taught by Jesus Christ.

The ministry of Jesus was characterized by prayer

Began ministry with prayer

**When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying,
heaven was opened - Luke 3:21**



Jesus was showing an example to the mankind to start the ministry with the prayer. The reason was, the ministry was the ministry of God, it need an approval and the guidance of God. Mostly it must be the proposal of God.

Now a day, many people starting the ministry, and winding up in the middle. The reason was, starting the ministry with their own plans, and also for their own reasons. As the ministry was God's, it needs the approval of God.

Prayed throughout ministry

All night

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God - Luke 6:12

These prayers are so powerful. Jesus thought us to do this kind of prayers. Night is the sleep time. We need to sacrifice that first.

Some people cannot give up sleep for the sake of prayer, also they say, how it is possible? If we are in the lack of sleep, it is very difficult to attend the duties in the day time. They say the people without work will do this kind of things. Mostly Pastors face this kind of criticizing in the ministry. I myself faced it many times. This is like continues poses. I myself worked in Ship Yard, before I came to the full time ministry. The work I use to do there is the technical work. The people who work there need the good sleep in the nights. Even in those days, I use to get up early in the morning at 4:30am

for the prayers. I was fine at the work spot also. As the matter of fact the all tight and the early morning prayers will give the strength in the body and spirit.



Praying Lonely

Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, who do the crowds say I am? - Luke 9:18



Jesus taught them to do the lonely prayers. There he was talking to God. Lonely prayer or the personal prayer leads us to have close relation with the living God. In the lonely prayers, we can open our heart in front of God. There are certain things that we cannot tell to the close people, but we can tell very thing to the living God as it is purely private and the personal.

Praying before the light of the day

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed - Mark 1:35



Morning prayers were very powerful prayers. Your mind will be fresh during that time. Morning Prayer was the Preparation for the works of the day, through the prayers. These prayers are very useful and the needful, because we will find the will of God in our plans and also the presence of God in our works.

This I do every day. My day will never start without prayers. Get up early in the morning around 4:30am and keep all the day programs and the needs of the works. Because of this kind of prayers, most of my life time all these 62 years, I have not seen any failures. God will give the victory in all works.

Jesus always found time for prayer

Jesus was sometimes too busy to Eat

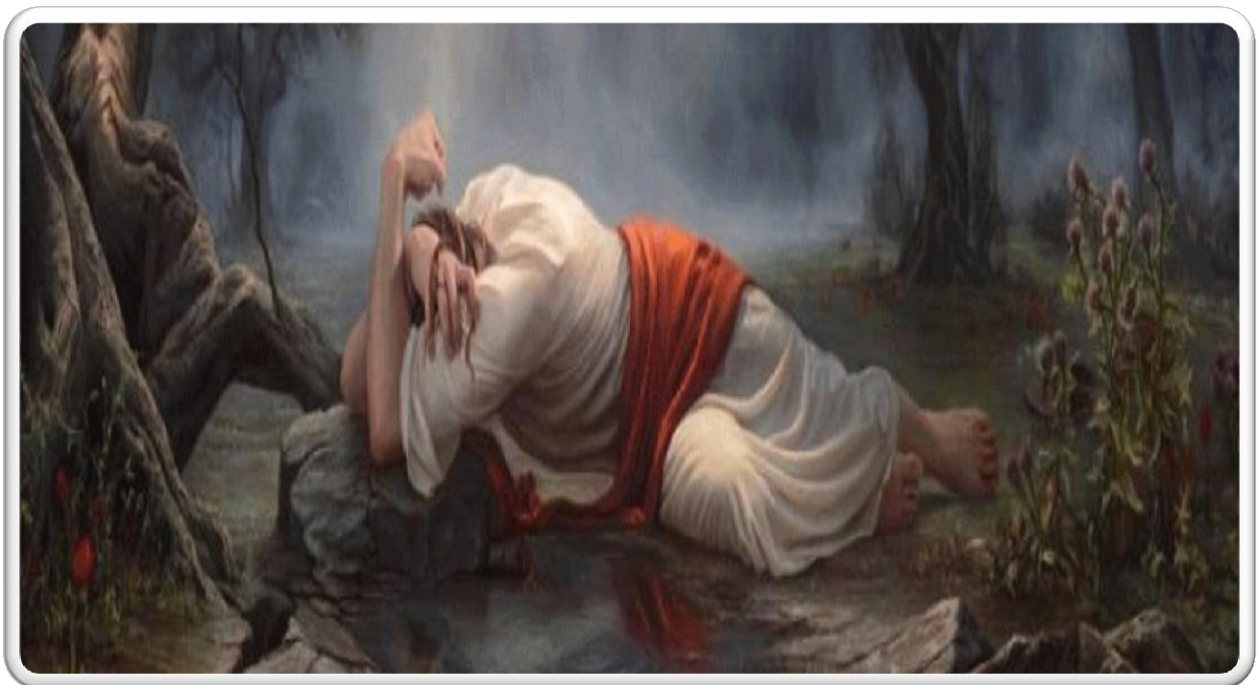
Meanwhile his disciples urged him, Rabbi, eat something - John 4:31



In some other scriptures Jesus said the work of father is my bread “Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work - John 4:34”

It is true that Jesus never bothered for the food. As the matter of fact the work was His food.

If someone deeply involved with the work, they don't think about food. I have learned this secret from my spiritual father. He used to do the work like a bull. When he sat at the computer to respond the believer's letters and to do the correspondence, he forgot himself where he was. He forgot to take coffee or the breakfast till the lunch time. I practiced that in my life to do the effective work. When I was I work, I use to forget that I have not taken my meal. After doing the work for lone time, I used to feel some kind of weakness in the body. When I question my wife, why I am feeling little week in body? She replies that I have not taken the food. Than after long gap I took my meal. It is not for me alone, anyone detected for the work, will have the same experience. If we are in the God's work, we will have some different experience in these matters, you will receive some unknown strength from the God.



Jesus was sometimes too busy to Sleep

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God - Luke 6:12

Jesus kept the sleep aside and talking to God all-night. The burden and the need of responsibility will not allow someone to sleep. Jesus had the heart for His children and for the work he had on the face of the earth.

I have many experiences like this in my life. Whole night there was no sleeping. What I did all night. Just kneel down pray to God with tears for the issues in front of me. For every need and the guidance, for the help and approval, I use to spend all night in the prayers.

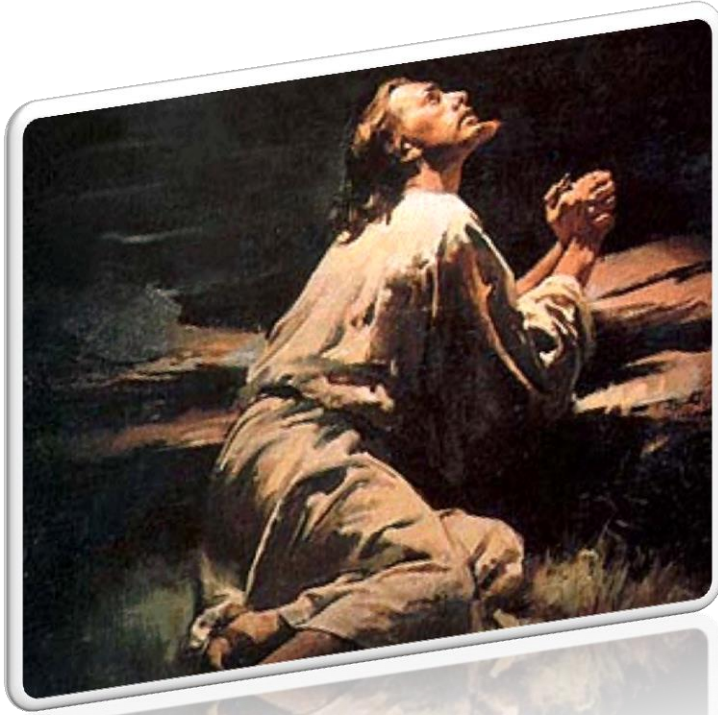
When we have this kind of practice, we will not fail or disappoint in the ministry or life. When we are in the valley of shadows, where we can sleep, we need to look towards the living for the timely help and the protection. Sleeping is not the hindrance for the God's servants for His works.

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest - Psalm 22:2

When David not received the answered for his prayers in the day, he spent all night at the feet of God for the help and rescue. As the matter of fact the problems and situations of need will not allow someone to sleep.



Jesus was never too busy to pray



Jesus gave the first place for the prayers. To start the work he prayed, to give to someone, he prayed, to heal someone he prayed, to give food for the people he prayed. In morning he prayed, in the night he prayed, in the afternoons he prayed, say all time he prayed. He was never busy for the prayers. This is the great lesson for the mankind to do the effective ministry or live as the living vessels for God.

In these days people are busy with their works. They don't find time to pray. Even the God servants are also in the same situation. They are not busy to eat and do their works, but very busy for the prayers. Because of their prayerlessness they were unable to do the fruitful ministry. Prayer less person is the power less person.

In my life besides the regular prayers, sometimes the Holy Ghost forces me to pray immediately for certain things. When the Holy Ghost leads me to pray, I will rush to kneel down and pray, because I know the urgency of those prayers in that time.

“Busy for the prayers will break your spiritual life”

Jesus went to mountain to pray

After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray -Mark 6:46

After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone -Matthew 14:23

As he lived in the area of mountains, he went to mountains to pray. We may live in the cities, let not try to go to mountains. It says that he went alone to spent time in prayer in the lonely place. When I feel this kind of situations. I go myself into my room to spent time in the prayers alone. Jesus said “When you pray, go into your room. Close the door and pray to your Father, who can’t be seen. He will reward you. Your Father sees what is done secretly - Matthew 6:5-6”.



Here we will learn to push ourselves to the lonely places to spent time in the prayers.

Bible Heroes and their prayers

Abraham

The Prayer of Abraham

Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness - Roman 4:18-22



Abraham prayed to God and believed His promises. That prayer and the faith made him to see the mighty works of God in his life. Also he became the father for the believers. He received all blessings from God. The key point was in his life that he consulted for everything in the prayers. After receiving the answer, he implemented in his life. That made to stand as the father of believers to speak to the generations.



Moses

The Prayer of Moses

When I looked, I saw that you had sinned against the Lord your God; you had made for yourselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. You had turned aside quickly from the way that the Lord had commanded you. So I took the two tablets and threw them out of my hands, breaking them to pieces before your eyes. Then once again I fell prostrate before the Lord for forty days and forty nights; I ate no bread and drank no water, because of all the sin you had committed, doing what was evil in the Lord's sight and so arousing his anger. I feared the anger and wrath of the Lord, for he was angry enough with you to destroy you. But again the Lord listened to me. And the Lord was angry enough with Aaron to destroy him, but at that time I prayed for Aaron too. Also I took that sinful thing of yours, the calf you had made, and burned it in the fire. Then I crushed it and ground it to powder as fine as dust and threw the dust into a stream that flowed down the mountain - Deuteronomy 9:16-21



Moses was the great intercessor. God wanted to destroy the Israelites for their evil deeds, but Moses stood between them and God as an intercessor to forgive them.

Some people in these days, curse the people with their emotions. Moses was the great man of God, and example to the all mankind to act as the intercessors for the people behalf to the God.

I face many situations like this in my life. Many people rebelled and did harm to me and the ministry. One of the persons who did great harm to our church is on the death bed. I went to the hospital to pray for his healing; God answered my prayers and gave his life back. He lived long time after that. For the result of our goodness he did great damage to our church. Sometimes our goodness will harm us. It doesn't matter, don't stop to help people.

Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called, so that you may inherit a blessing - 1 Peter 3:9

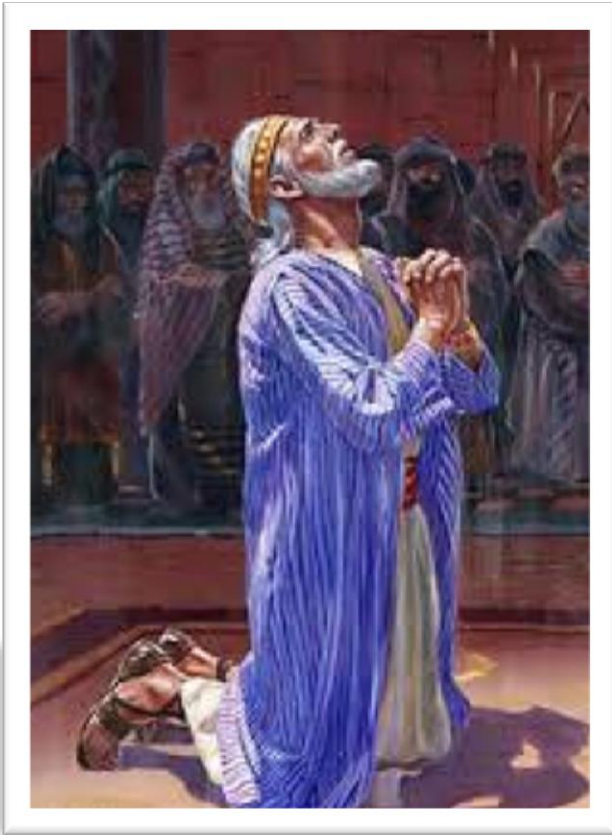
Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up - Galatians 6:9

What all I have learned my life to help people and bless them in any situations. I was never become weary to do good for the people.

Hezekiah

The Prayer of Hezekiah

In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amos went to him and said, “This is what the Lord says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover.” Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord, “Remember, Lord, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly. Before Isaiah had left the middle court, the word of the Lord came to him: “Go back and tell Hezekiah, the ruler of my people, ‘This is what the Lord, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you. On the third day from now you will go up to the temple of the Lord. I will add fifteen years to your life. And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city for my sake and for the sake of my servant David.’” Then Isaiah said, “Prepare a poultice of figs.” They did so and applied it to the boil, and he recovered. Hezekiah had asked Isaiah, “What will be the sign that the Lord will heal me and that I will go up to the temple of the Lord on the third day from now?” Isaiah answered, “This is the Lord’s sign to you that the Lord will do what he has promised: Shall the shadow go forward ten steps, or shall it go back ten steps?” “It is a simple matter for the shadow to go forward ten steps,” said Hezekiah. “Rather, have it go back ten steps.” Then the prophet Isaiah called on the Lord, and the Lord made the shadow go back the ten steps it had gone down on the stairway of Ahaz.-2 Ki 20:1-11



Hezekiah's prayer was so powerful. "Hezekiah **H** turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord, "Remember, Lord, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes"

How many of us will do this kind of prayer? He is requesting with demand by telling God that how was lived and did the works of God. It was very powerful prayer. God immediately responded that prayer.

His prayer speaks his relation with God and restlessness of his life in front of the God. In these

days this was lack in the God servants and children life. Due to this reason they were unable to receive the answer to their prayers. They were unable to have the Godly life.

In my life I faced many experience like this. Any trouble or problems comes around me. I go to God through prayer. In that prayer, I just pray like Hezekiah. God remember the ministry I did, the hardship I took to visit more than 500 villages to present the Gospel. And also the services I did to your children. I have received the answers to prayers immediately. It also continues till now. Some time I feel that I am bothering God with this kind of prayers. Whom, we will bother other than the God. I have other redeemer than the Christ Jesus. I myself it is my right to bother God, because He is everything to me.

Nehemiah

The Prayer of Nehemiah

Nehemiah said: “Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father’s family, have committed against you. We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses “Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.’ “They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man”. I was cupbearer to the king - Nehemiah 1:5-11



Here we see the Nehemiah's prayer towards the Jerusalem and the Israelites. God answered his prayers, The Restoration of the God's children and Jerusalem.

We also must have heart for the redemption of our people. As for ourselves, we are living the country of Hindu's. Most of our relatives were still in the influence of Hinduism. We need the heart like Nehemiah to pray for the redemption of our own people. We are doing that. As St. Paul said "For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh - Romans 9:3".

Gideon

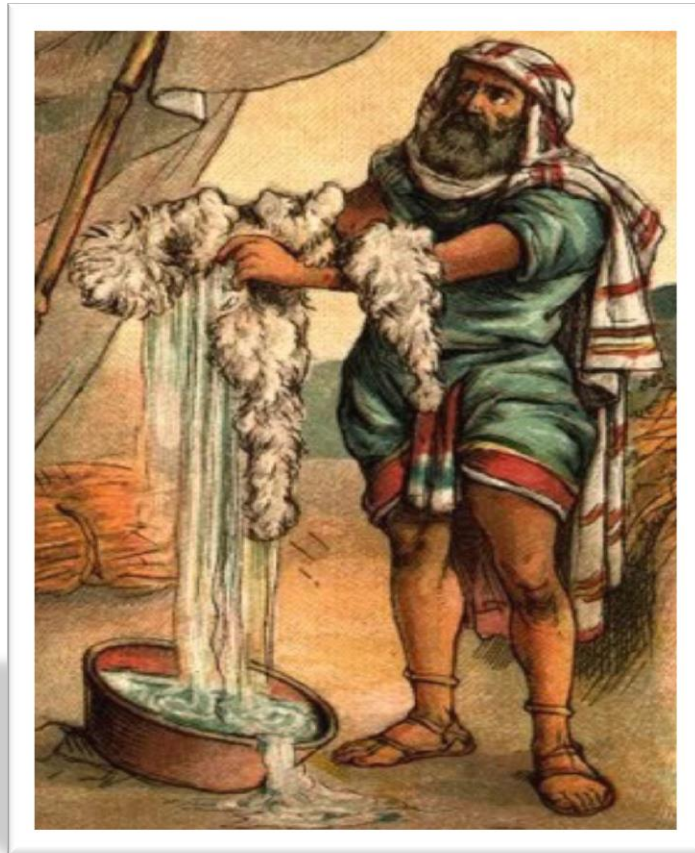
The Prayer of Gideon

Gideon replied, “If now I have found favor in your eyes, give me a sign that it is really you talking to me - Judges 6:17



Gideon said to God, “If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised—look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said.” And that is what happened. Gideon rose early the next day; he squeezed the fleece and wrung out the dew—a bowlful of water.

Then Gideon said to God, “Do not be angry with me. Let me make just one more request. Allow me one more test with the fleece, but this time make the fleece dry and let the ground be covered with dew.” That night God did so. Only the fleece was dry; all the ground was covered with dew - Judges 6:36-40



When God called Gideon, he conformed through the prayer whether it is the plan of God or not. We must have such relations with God to test ourselves. Many people failed in their lives and ministry due to the lack of this kind of experience. Some people misinterpreted the scriptures for their own benefits. They say that Gideon tempted God. It is not tempting God, here Gideon testing himself that it is God's will or not. Because of this, he was able to succeed in the god's direction.

As per me I do the same thing many times. Our ministry is wide we need the God's conformation in every move. Otherwise misfires may take place. We faced many troubles in the ministry. Attacks by the non-Christians and nominal Christians. We need much wisdom and guidance of God to do the Gods works for His glory.

Eliezer

The Prayer of Eliezer

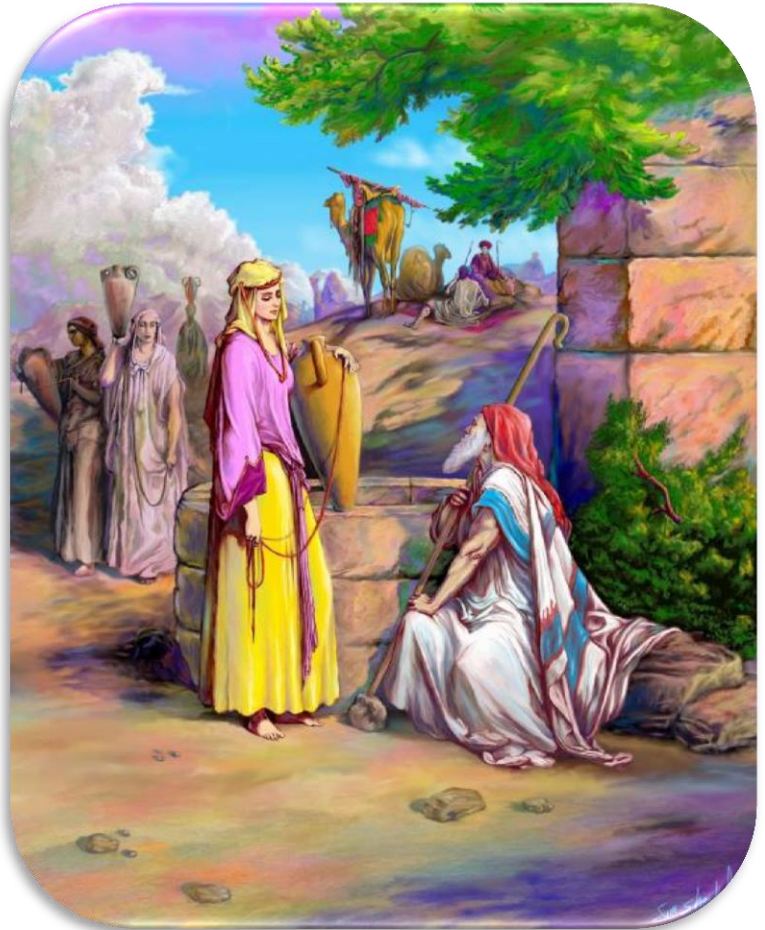
**Eliezer said O Lord God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day,
and show kindness unto my master Abraham.**

**13 Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come
out to draw water:**

**14 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I
pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also:
let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know
that thou hast showed kindness unto my master - Genesis 24:12-14**



The prayer of Eliezer was not for him. It was the prayer for his master's son's wife. They need a woman for the Isaac as the wife from their own tribe. The reason for that, she can understand the system and the customs of the Abrahams tribe. She should not be the problem for the family and the mission of Abraham. Seeking God's guidance for the right wife, then the things will go according the will of God.



When the point of marriage came in my life, I prayed for three months for the wife. I asked God for a woman who will be with me in the ministry, because I was already involved in the ministry. After three months God gave a wife who is one hundred percent with me in the ministry. Because of her I was able to do this wide ministry. In my travels on the mission works around globe, she does the ministry in the perfect way by filling my gap. Choosing wife is very important. Lot of people chooses the beautiful woman for the marriage. We can see what happened to Samson with kind of choice.

Elijah

The Prayer of Elijah

Then let the prophets of Baal pray to their god, and I will pray to the Lord, and the one who answers by sending fire - he is God." The people shouted their approval - 1 Kings

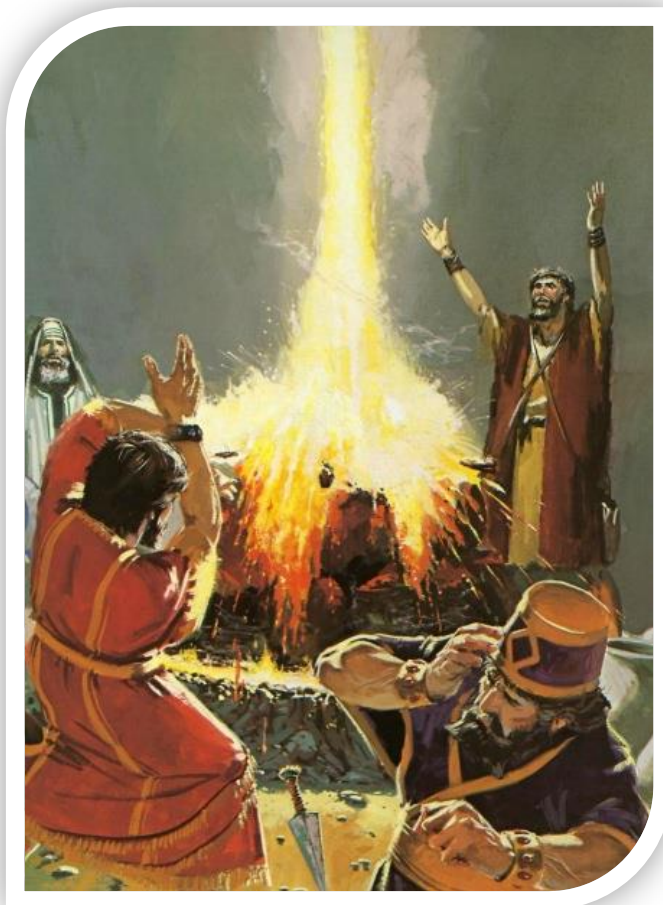
18:24



At the hour of the afternoon sacrifice the prophet Elijah approached the altar and prayed, "O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, prove now that you are the God of Israel and that I am your servant and have done all this at your command. Answer me, Lord, answer me, so that this people will know that you, the Lord, are God and that you are bringing them back to yourself - 1 Kings 18:36-37

Here we can see the prayer of Elijah for the glory of God. That was the time to show the power of God to the people. God performed miracle and shown His power to strengthen the servant of God and the other people who stood for the God. This prayer was established the God servants existence along with God. Prophets of Baal were killed on that day and the name of Living God was glorified among the gentiles.

This kind of thing happened in our ministry. When we are in mission for ten years, the church uses to grow in the number and spirit rapidly. Fifteen people rose up to 500. Then the jealous nominal Christians and the Hindu leaders attacked with the help of Hindu teachers. That was the time for us to stand for Living God. Four Hindu teachers and one leader died all of sudden. That made the people scary towards the God and His power. What we learned from that situations. We need to stand like Elijah and pray to God to perform the wonders and the miracles of God for His glory.



Hannah

The Prayer of Hannah



Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the Lord. And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore. And she vowed a vow, and said, O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head. And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the Lord, that Eli marked her mouth – 1 Samuel 1:9-12.

She said, "Let your maidservant find favor in your sight". So the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad - 1 Samuel 1:18.

Here we see the prayer of Hannah, the prayer from the bottom of the heart. As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk. She was in the deep prayer. A prayer with burden, a prayer with goal, a prayer with expecting God's miracle leads deep. People cannot understand that.

The same kind of thing happened in my life. Was asking God to give me a boy child, same time I want to dedicate him for the ministry. The people around me were mocking towards my prayer. My wife conceived and joined in hospital for the delivery. The people around me were saying that I will be blessed with girl child. They are doing that to criticize my prayers. The great God gave me the boy child. God shut their mouths and showed His mighty work. I dedicated that boy for the ministry on that day itself. He became the great servant of God and doing wonderful ministry now.



Daniel

The Prayer of Daniel

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime – Daniel 6:10

While I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. He instructed me and said to me,

"Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding - Daniel 9:21-22



ere we can see the Daniel's
Hprayer and how it was
responded by God. God sent
His angel Gabriel to Daniel. He is the
great hero during that time. Daniel
prayed for the revealing of the
dreams of King. He was seeking the
wisdom of God to reveal the dreams.
God was revealed the dreams and
also gave protection to the Israelites.



The sin of Israelites was gone away from the God by breaking His commands.

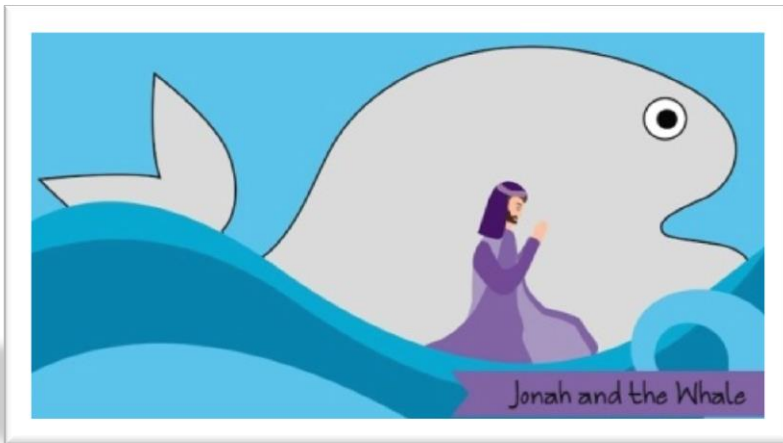
Daniel did the prayer with fasting and with the pure heart. He admitted the sin of his people and the Israelites sin. This was the prayer of sincerity. God sent the angel to answer his prayers. His prayer was lonely prayer with the heart fullness. His burden was for his people. God answered his prayer and sent the messenger with answer.

I also faced this kind of situations in my life. I was in the prayer for the people and for their sins. We need to confess our sins at the feet of living God, Same time pray for the people. One day one of my blood relative was on the death bed. I went there and prayed for that man. God forgive his sins, if did. As it was mentioned in the James “the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him – James 5:15”. God forgiven his sins and gave the life back. There I saw power of the prayer.

Jonah

The Prayer of Jonah

From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. 2 He said: “In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry - Jonah 2:1– 2



Jonah was the disobedient servant of God. He broke the order of God, took the different way to go. God asked him to go to Nineveh; he changed that journey to Tarshish. God saw the Nineveh's wickedness. God want to send the message to the Nineveh people to

turn towards God by leaving their wickedness. Jonah does not know that God loves everyone. When they were turned towards God; He had forgiven them. Here we see the disobedience of God's servants. For the result of that Jonah was pushed into the great fish. He was there for three days. Even in that stage when Jonah prayed to God, he was forgiven and rescued from the fish to fulfill the plan of God. So that Jonah went to Nineveh and proclaimed the message of God. The whole Nineveh was turned towards God and redeemed from the God's punishment.

In other words we can say that Jonah used his wisdom to submit himself from the disobedience. God always stretch his hands for everyone to rescue, who turn towards him from their sins. “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people - Romans 10:21”

Habakkuk

The Prayer Habakkuk

Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy. God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. His glory covered the heavens and his praise filled the earth. His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hand, where his power was hidden. Plague went before him; pestilence followed his steps. He stood, and shook the earth; he looked, and made the nations tremble. The ancient mountains crumbled and the age-old hills collapsed but he marches on forever. I saw the tents of Cushan in distress, the dwellings of Median in anguish. Were you angry with the rivers, Lord? Was your wrath against the streams? Did you rage against the sea when you rode your horses and your chariots to victory? You uncovered your bow, you called for many arrows. You split the earth with rivers; the mountains saw you and writhed. Torrents of water swept by; the deep roared and lifted its waves on high. Sun and moon stood still in the heavens at the glint of your flying arrows, at the lightning of your flashing spear. In wrath you strode through the earth and in anger you threshed the nations. You came out to deliver your people, to save your anointed one. You crushed the leader of the land of wickedness; you stripped him from head to foot. With his own spear you pierced his head when his warriors stormed out to scatter us, gloating as though about to devour the wretched that were in hiding. You trampled the sea with your horses, churning the great waters. I heard and my heart pounded, my lips quivered at the sound; decay crept into my bones, and my legs trembled. Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity to come on the nation invading

us. Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights - Habakkuk 3:2-19



This was the prayer of Habakkuk which I can sing as a song with instruments.

In this prayer he is mentioning about the move of God. He is also explains the glory of God by comparing to sky and the earth. The earth will shake for His move. The mountains are shaking, the move of the sun and moon going on pause with the power of God. You are destroying the evil people. In the conclusion he is showing how God was love. To love the God, he doesn't

need any material blessings. "Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior".

God servants must have this kind of heart to live for God. Many people use to count the materialistic blessings as the God`s blessings. Here the Prophet was clearly mentioning that he don`t need of this materialistic blessings to live for God. Coming to my life I prayed many times like this. Till today I am doing. As the matter of fact “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou may prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospered - 3 John 1:2”

When we grow in the spirit automatically, we will be prospered in all things. Lot of people don`t know this secret. The prophet Habakkuk was mentioning this spiritual secret in the end of his prayer. This was the true prayer. As for me, I have seen towards the materialistic blessings. As for me were growing in the spirit day by day. This kind of faith was making me to stand for the Living God as the witness.

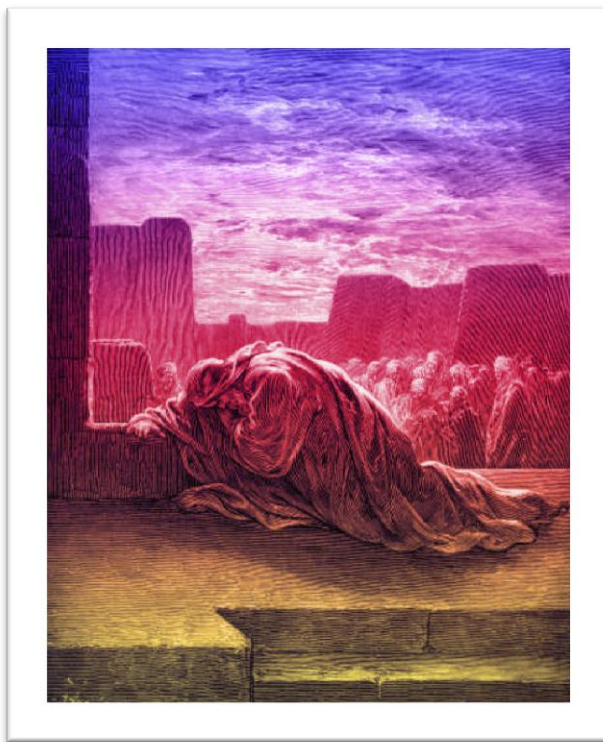


Ezra

The Prayer of Ezra

At the evening sacrifice I arose up from my heaviness; and having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the Lord my God, And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens. Since the days of our fathers have we been in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as it is this day. And now for a little space grace hath been showed from the Lord our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage. For we were bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments, Which thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land with the filthiness of the people of the lands, with their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their uncleanness. Now therefore give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth forever: that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children forever. And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our

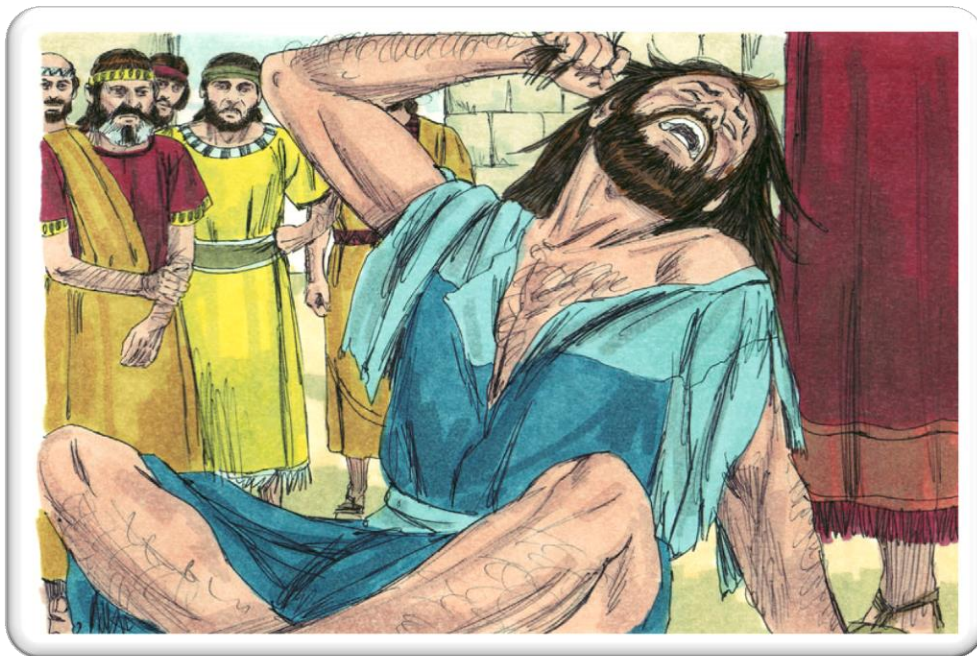
iniquities deserve, and hast given us such deliverance as this; Should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of these abominations? Wildest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping? O Lord God of Israel, thou art righteous: for we remain yet escaped, as it is this day: behold, we are before thee in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before thee because of this - Ezra 9:5-15



Ezra's Prayer about Intermarriage: The people of Israel, including the priests and the Levites, have not kept themselves separate from the neighboring peoples with their detestable practices, like those of the Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Jebusites, Ammonites, Moabites, Egyptians and Amorites. They have taken some of their daughters as wives for themselves and their sons, and have mingled the holy race with the peoples around them. And the leaders and officials have led the way in this unfaithfulness.

The God`s children married the gentile women and men. This produced the evil children and the cultures. Due to this the Israelites were gone away from the living God. This made Ezra so pain and led him to this prayer. He tore his cloths and disturbed his hair, sat at the presence of God for these evil deeds. He turned his face towards the Living God. He admitted the sins of his people at the presence of Living God. Due to this evil deeds God left us for the shame and the slavery. When we cried at your feet, you kept the mercy on us, by giving the grace to keep our foot on the lands you gave to us. Do the marriages among your children only. He mentioned the righteousness of the Living God. He also surrendered to God for their sins and the mistakes. God grant the mercy for them.

This was the clear message that the children of God must marry the children of God. When the Intermarriages took place among the Gods children, they will be forced to break the law of God. That leads the people for the destruction and also bring bad name to the living God.



Jabez

The Prayer of Jabez

Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, “Because I bore him in pain.” And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, “Oh that you would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!” So God granted him what he requested - 1 Chronicles 4:9-10.



Jabez was honored more than his brother. His mother named him as Jabez, because she gave the birth to him in the pain. Jabez prayed to God to extend his bounders and to keep Gods hand with to protect from every evil. God granted every request of Jabez.

This was the prayer of every Gods servant. God servant`s knows that they cannot do anything with their own; everything will take place according to the will of God. In the Lord`s Prayer Jesus though to the disciples “Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven - Matthew 6:10” as for me, I do this kind of prayers all times, because God is redeemer and Ford. He can only save me and guide me in any kind of situations.

David

The Prayer of David

King David went in and sat before the Lord, and he said: “Who am I, Sovereign Lord, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? And as if this were not enough in your sight, Sovereign Lord, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant—and this decree, Sovereign Lord, is for a mere human! “What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, Sovereign Lord. For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your servant. “How great you are, Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears. And who is like your people Israel—the one nation on earth that God went out to redeem as a people for himself, and to make a name for himself, and to perform great and awesome wonders by driving out nations and their gods from before your people, whom you redeemed from Egypt? You have established your people Israel as your very own forever, and you, Lord, have become their God. “And now, Lord God, keep forever the promise you have made concerning your servant and his house. Do as you promised. So that your name will be great forever. Then people will say, ‘The Lord Almighty is God over Israel!’ And the house of your servant David will be established in your sight. “Lord Almighty, God of Israel, you have revealed this to your servant, saying, ‘I will build a house for you.’ So your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. Sovereign Lord, you are God! Your covenant is trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant. Now be pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever in your sight; for you, Sovereign Lord, have spoken, and with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed forever.”- 2 Samuel 7:18-29

God gave the victory to David among all of his enemies. David calls the prophet Nathan, and shared his heart view with him. He expressed that I am living in the good houses. How can I keep the Ark of the Lord in the tents. God revealed to the

Nathan, to convey the message to David. In the times I was in the tents among you. I will give you the children; one of the child`s will construct the temple for me. I will be with him all times, if he do anything wrong against to me, I will set right him by punishing him.

I do not do the way what I have did to King Soul.

When David heard these things, he cried and said to God, what am I in front you to have this much mercy. Me and my family were unworthy in front of you. You were

revealed things to me by the mercy. You are highest worthy God. There was no God like among the generations to generations. Conform those words you were given to me and to my family. There is no God like, you kept the grace on the Israelites for every. According to your word to me and my family were blessed with the people.

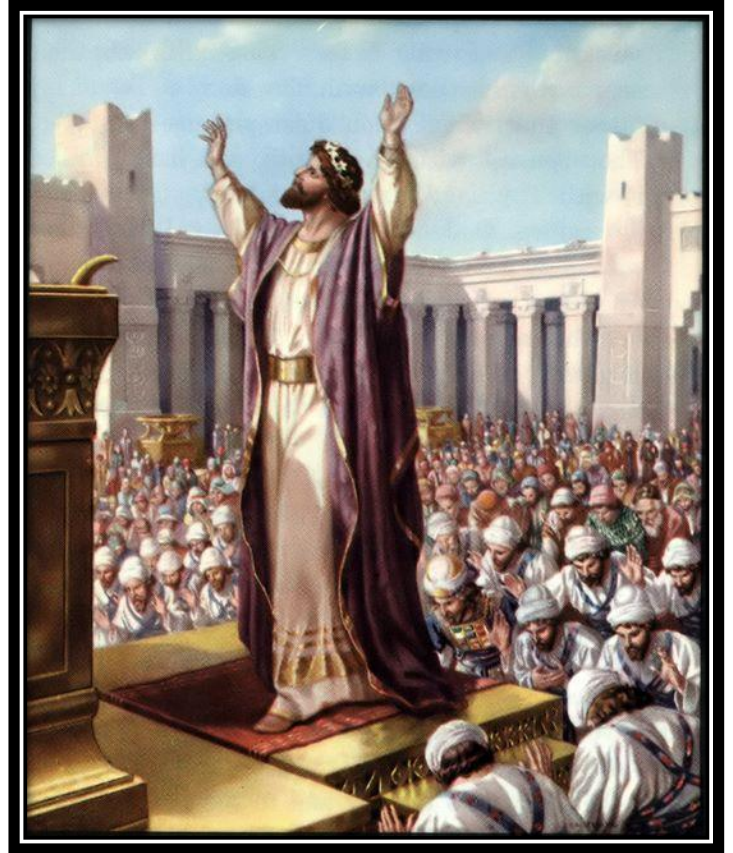


Solomon

The Prayer of Solomon

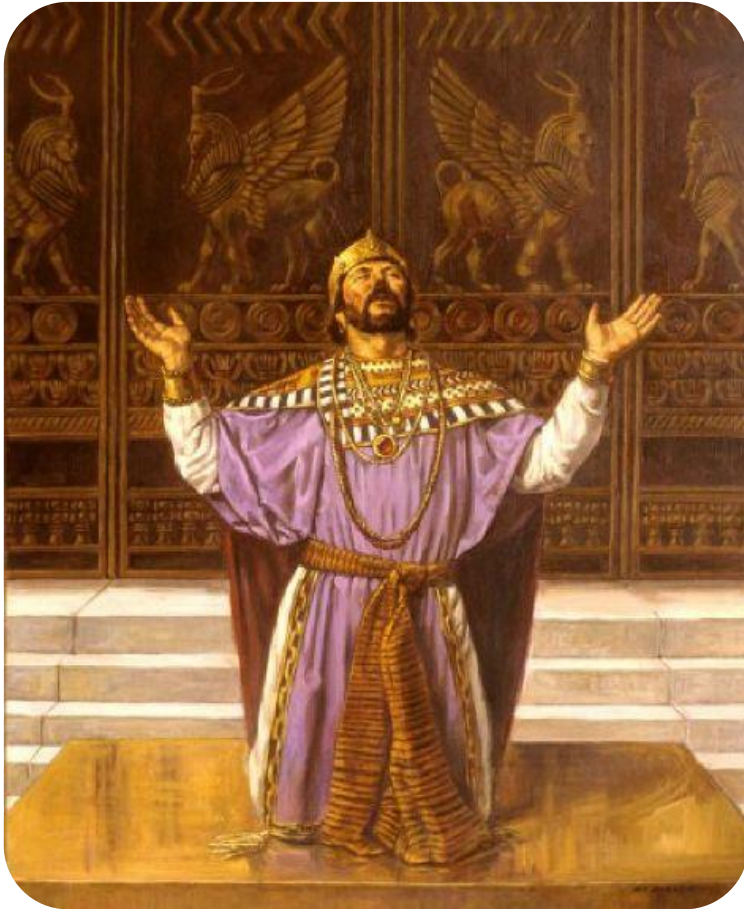
Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven: And he said, Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who kept covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart: Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promised him: thou speaks also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day. Therefore now, Lord God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promised him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me. And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou sparest unto thy servant David my father. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have built? Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee today: That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place. And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest; forgive - 1 Kings 8:22-30

King Solomon called the elders of Israelites to bring the Ark of the Lord from the David city to the temple of Jerusalem. When they brought the Ark of the Lord to the temple, there were only two tablets in that Ark of the Lord. The Ark of the Lord kept in the inner side of the temple. When the priests came out from the holy place of the temple, the temple were filled with clouds, the glory of the God was filled in the temple. Due to the clouds and glory of God the priests were unable to stand there to do the worship.



When my father David had the thought to build the temple to God, God told to my father, you will not do that job. I gave that job to your son, he do it after you.

Solomon did the prayer like this. Oh! God you gave the word to my father and fulfilled in my life. You also told my father as long you follow my commandments, there will one person from your family on the throne. Conform the words you gave to my father. We cannot limit you to this temple. You are the creator of this world and heavens. How can we limit you to this temple? You have told about the temple, that your name will be there forever. Please keep that word by keeping your eyes on the temple day and the night. Whenever we offer our prayers from this temple, please listen to our prayers by answering them. Let your presence be there all times.



Here the Solomon's prayer is speaking the importance of the God's temple. In the Gospels Jesus said like this "He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves -Luke 19:46"

During my travel around the globe, I have seen many church were closed. Some church building turned as offices, libraries and bars. It made me very sad. In the New York I was a closed church building is the worth of 12 million American dollars. We have no permanent

church building. All these 23 years we are holding the church services at rented buildings. But see the glory of God in those buildings. We started church with fifteen members, now we have around 5,000 members in and around. We always see the Gods mighty presence with us in the building. Sometimes during prayers I use to see the heaven open and the great light came up on us. When the toughs us, we feel the Holy Ghost fall one us. Start to pray in the tongs. Jesus told the spiritual truth of the temple. "Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? - 1 Corinthians 3:16"

Stephen

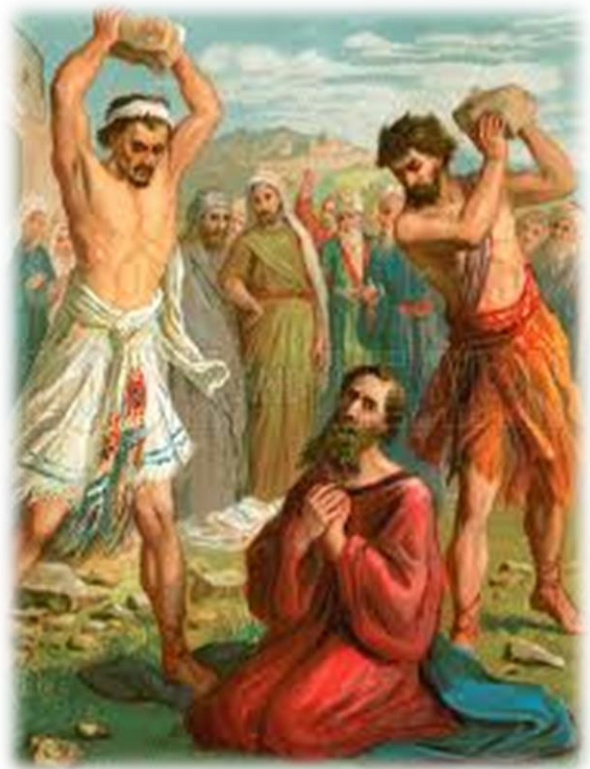
The Prayer of Stephen

They stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. 60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord; lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep - Acts 7:59-60

While talking them in deep, “Stephen said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God” that made them mad. They reacted like this “Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord”

Stephen was brutally beaten with stones. In those situations he is not crushing the people those who are beating him. He is praying for their forgiveness. Jesus did the same exactly on the

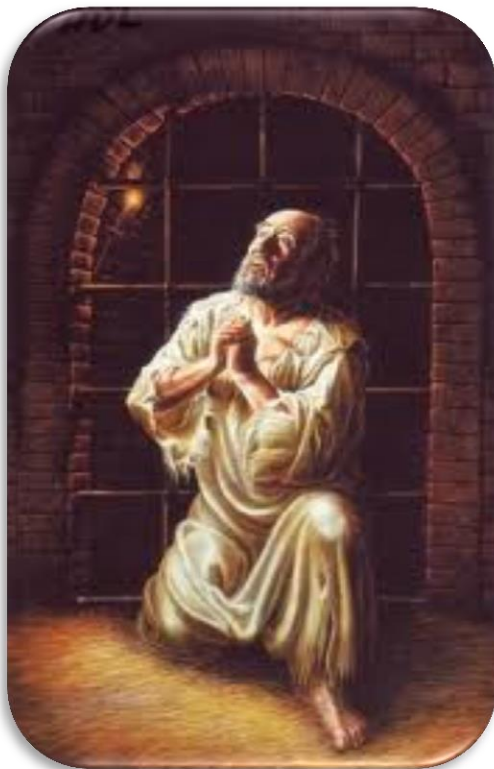
cross. It is not the Jesus, every servant of God supposed to do that. In these days we watch different things in the lives of God servants. We can call them as the namesake God servants. This kind of prayer brought the great man called as Paul to become the servant of God. Godliness leads to humbleness; it attracts the people towards the Living God.



Paul

The Prayer of Paul

Be assured that from the first day we heard of you, we haven't stopped praying for you, asking God to give you wise minds and spirits attuned to his will, and so acquire a thorough understanding of the ways in which God works. We pray that you'll live well for the Master, making him proud of you as you work hard in his orchard. As you learn more and more how God works, you will learn how to do your work. We pray that you'll have the strength to stick it out over the long haul—not the grim strength of gritting your teeth but the glory-strength God gives. It is strength that endures the unendurable and spills over into joy, thanking the Father who makes us strong enough to take part in everything bright and beautiful that he has for us - Colossians 1:9-12



Paul's concern and prayer towards people. He did continues prayers from them. He desired about them to have the love of God. He wants them to please God every things. He wanted everyone to develop in the spiritual life to know the plans of God their lives. God will glorify through our life's .He wants to see everyone in the Christlikeness. He requested them not flee away from the grace of God. He always made the reminder to everyone that you are called to live for Him here on the face of earth, and to live with Him I n the eternal life forever.

What the great people said about Prayer?

David Livingstone



**David Livingstone was a Scottish Congregationalist
Pioneer medical missionary with the London Missionary Society**

He was an explorer in Africa

Date of Birth: 19th March, 1813, Blantyre, United Kingdom

Date of Death: 1st May, 1873, Zambia

Wife: Mary Moffat 1845–1862

Children: Elizabeth Livingstone, Robert Livingstone, more

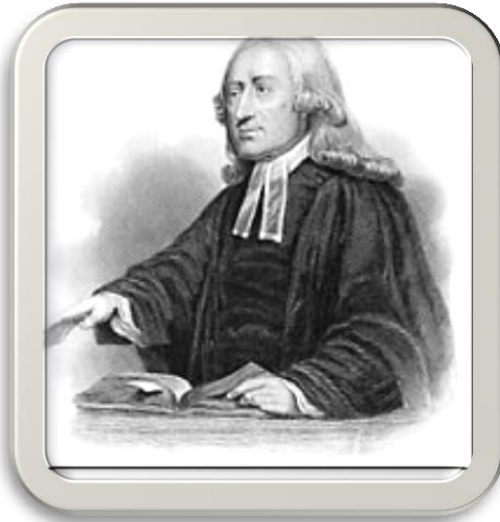
Some sayings of David Livingstone out of his life experiences

"Fear God and work hard"

"Fasting's and vigils without a special object in view are time run to waste"

"Without Christ, not one step; with Him, anywhere"

John Wesley



Date of Birth: June 17, 1703, Epworth, Lincolnshire, United Kingdom

Date of Death: March 2, 1791, London, United Kingdom

Buried: Wesley's Chapel, London, United Kingdom

Parents: Susanna Wesley, Samuel Wesley

John Wesley will later refer to himself as a brand plucked from the burning

The LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath

Chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? - Zechariah 3:2

He was the great servant of God. He did the wonderful ministry. Through his life

Experiences he gave these statements for the prayer.

"God does nothing except in response to believing prayer"

"Prayer is where the action is"

Andrew Murray



**Andrew Murray was a South African writer, teacher,
and Christian pastor**

**Date of Birth: 9th May, 1828, Graaff-Reinet, South
Africa**

**Date of Death: 18th January, 1917, Wellington, South
Africa**

Education: University of Aberdeen, Utrecht University

Andrew Murray out his life experiences he gave these statements regarding the prayer and

Its power to perform the wonders on the face of earth.

**"The man who mobilizes the Christian church to pray will make the greatest contribution
To world evangelization in history"**

"Faith in a prayer-hearing God will make a prayer-loving Christian"

**"We must begin to believe that God, in the mystery of prayer, has entrusted us with a force
that can move the Heavenly world, and can bring its power down to earth"**

**"Each time, before you intercede, be quiet first, and worship God in His glory. Think of
What He can do, and how He delights to hear the prayers of His redeemed people. Think of
Your place and privilege in Christ, and expect great things!"**

C. H. Spurgeon

**Charles Haddon Spurgeon was a British
Particular Baptist preacher.**

He is known as the "Prince of Preachers"

**Date of Birth: 19th June, 1834, Kelvedon, United
Kingdom**

**Date of Death: 31st January, 1892, Menton,
France**

Wife: Susannah Spurgeon 1856–1892

Children: Thomas Spurgeon



**C. H. Spurgeon gave the following statements regarding prayer though his experiences,
which are so useful to us in this present world to continue the in faith and prayer.**

"True prayer is measured by weight, not by length. A single groan before God may have

More fullness of prayer in it than a fine oration of great length"

"If you want that splendid power in prayer, you must remain in loving, living, lasting,

Conscious, practical, abiding union with the Lord Jesus Christ"

"Prayer can never be in excess"

John Bunyan



John Bunyan was an English writer and preacher.

**Best remembered as the author of the religious
allegory The Pilgrim's Progress.**

Bunyan wrote nearly sixty books

**Date of Birth: 28th November, 1628, Elstow, United
Kingdom**

**Date of Death: 31st August, 1688, Holborn, United
Kingdom**

Buried: Bunhill Fields, London, United Kingdom

Movies: Pilgrim's Progress: Journey to Heaven

**Children: Mary Bunyan, Elizabeth Bunyan, Sarah Bunyan, Thomas Bunyan, John
Bunyan, Joseph Bunyan**

**John Bunyan gave the following statement regarding the prayer. This short sweet
statement which helps to the God's children to do more with limited words, and do things
heart. He proved himself as the great man of God. His book "The Pilgrim's Progress" was
called as the "Little Bible" this book was printed and has been translated into more than
200 languages**

"In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart"

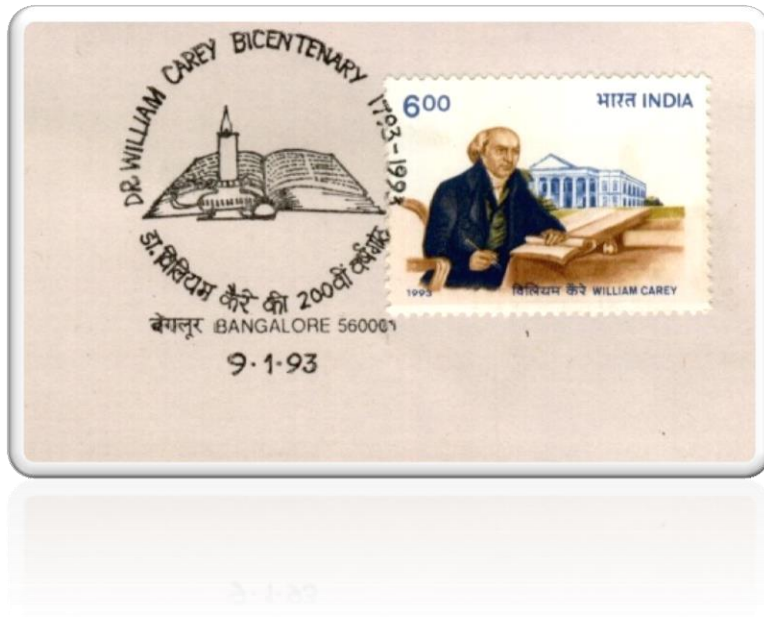
William Carey



Missionary



William Cary vision for India



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Serampore Collage

Serampore Collage inside view



Convocation Picture



**Serampore collage; where I did my Bachelor in
Theology and Bachelor in Divinity.**

**It was the great privileges to me take the degrees there,
where the William Cary walked and lived.**

**William Carey was a British Baptist missionary
Known as the "father of modern missions"**

**Date of Birth: 17th August, 1761, Paulerspury, United
Kingdom**

Date of Death: 9th June, 1834, Serampore

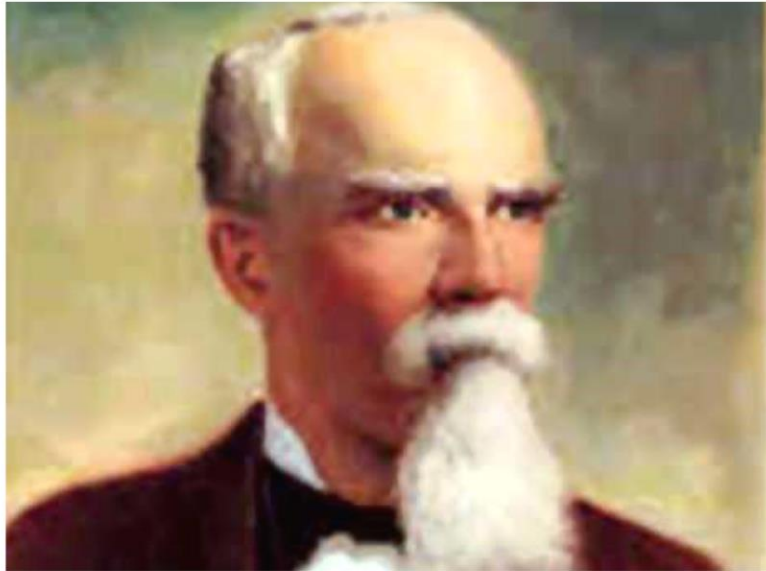
He translated the Bible in twelve languages. He use to do the interpretation English to Bengali. He also worked with India movements for the betterment of the society. Like Sathi Sahagamanam (This was the movement to stop the living wife to burn along with the husband's cremation)

"Prayer - secret, fervent, believing prayer - lies at the root of all personal godliness"

Great saying by William Carey

"Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God"

E. M. Bounds



Edward McKendree Bounds prominently known as E.M. Bounds.

He was an American author, Attorney member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

He wrote nine books.

All books are focused on the subject of prayer

Date of Birth: 15th August, 1835, Shelby County, Missouri, United States

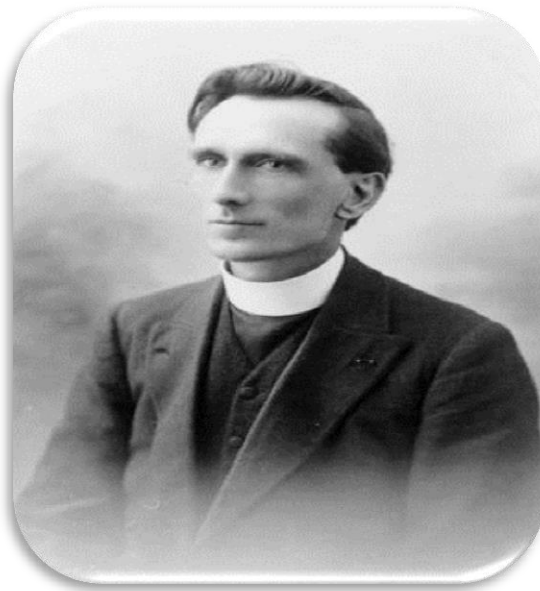
Date of Death: 24th August, 1913, Washington, Georgia, United States

"The word of God is the food by which prayer is nourished and made strong"

"Prayer is not learned in a classroom but in the closet"

"Talking to men for God is a great thing, but talking to God for men is greater still"

Oswald Chambers



Oswald Chambers was an early twentieth-century Scottish Baptist

Holiness Movement evangelist and teacher

Known for the devotional My Utmost for His Highest

Date of Birth: 24th July, 1874, Aberdeen, United Kingdom

Date of Death: 15th November, 1917, Cairo, Egypt

Education: University of Edinburgh

Oswald Chambers gave the following statement regarding the prayer and its great work.

Prayer will do the great works.

"Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work"

James Hudson Taylor



**James Hudson Taylor was a British Protestant
Christian missionary to China**

Founder of the China Inland Mission

Taylor spent 51 years in China

**Date of Birth: May 21, 1832, Barnsley, United
Kingdom**

Date of Death: June 3, 1905, Changsha, China

Parents: Amelia Hudson

Wife: Jennie Faulding Taylor 1871–1904, Maria Jane Taylor - 1858–1870

Children: Frederick Howard Taylor, Herbert Hudson Taylor, more

"I have seen many men work without praying, though I have never seen any good come

Out of it; but I have never seen a man pray without working"

George Müller

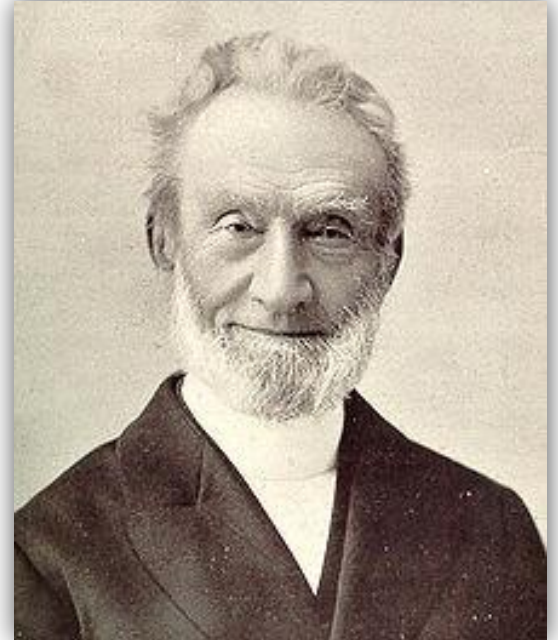
George Müller, a Christian evangelist

**Director of the Ashley Down orphanage in Bristol,
England,**

Cared for 10,024 orphans in his life

Date of Birth: 27th September, 1805, Prussia

**Date of Death: 10th March, 1898, Bristol, United
Kingdom**



**Education: Martin Luther University of Halle-
Wittenberg**

Spouse: Susannah Grace Sanger - 1871–1894, Mary Groves - 1830–1870

George Müller gave the following statement regarding the payer and the importance of the scriptures. Scripture and prayers are like two legs of person. Every person need these two legs to have the spiritual walk

**“Mueller’s Discovery Was That after Meditating on Scripture He Was More Able to
Experience a Meaningful Prayer time”**

Watchman Nee



Watchman Nee, or Ni Tuoseng, was a church leader and Christian teacher.

He worked in China during the 20th century.

He initiated church meetings in Fuzhou.

That considered the beginning of the local churches in 1922.

Date of Birth: 4th November, 1903, Shantou, China.

Date of Death: 1st June, 1972, Anhui, China.

Watchman Nee gave the below mentioned saying for the prayer. He concerned more about the church. Did his best for the church planting and growth in China. He is the great man of God. "We should try our best to pour out all the burdens in our spirit by prayer until all of them have left us"

"Let us recognize this one thing: burden is the secret of prayer. If a person does not feel within him burden to pray for a particular matter he can hardly succeed in prayer. In a prayer meeting some brothers and sisters may mention a great many subjects for prayer. But if you are not touched inwardly, you cannot pray"

"Therefore, brethren, pray until God gives us revelation so that "knowing this" in our spirit we may truly confess "that our old man has been crucified with him"

Dwight L. Moody

Dwight Lyman Moody, also known as D.L.

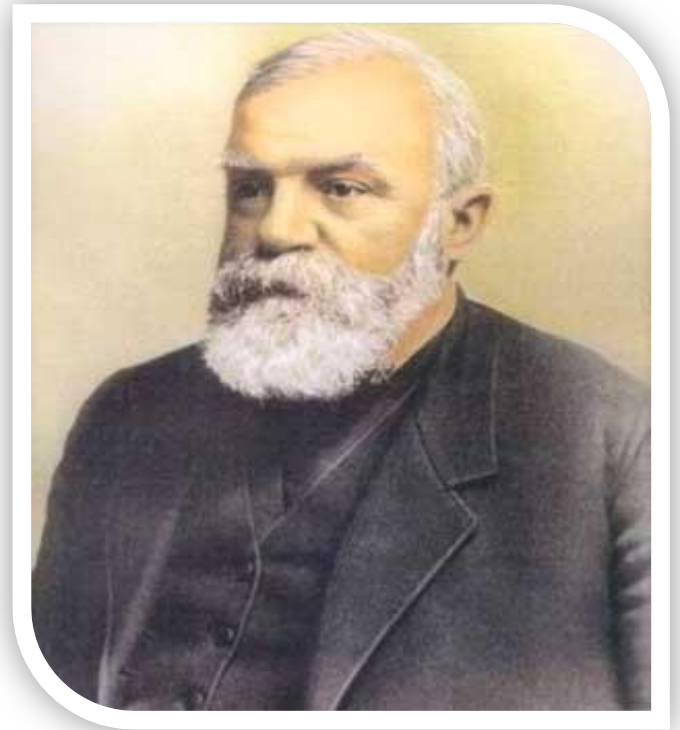
Moody, He is an evangelist

**Children: Paul Dwight Moody, William Revell
Moody**

**Date of Birth: February 5, 1837, Northfield,
Massachusetts, United States**

**Date of Death: December 22, 1899, Northfield,
Massachusetts, United States**

**Founded: The Moody Bible Institute;
Moody Publishers**



The Moody Church, Northfield School; Mount Hermon School in Massachusetts

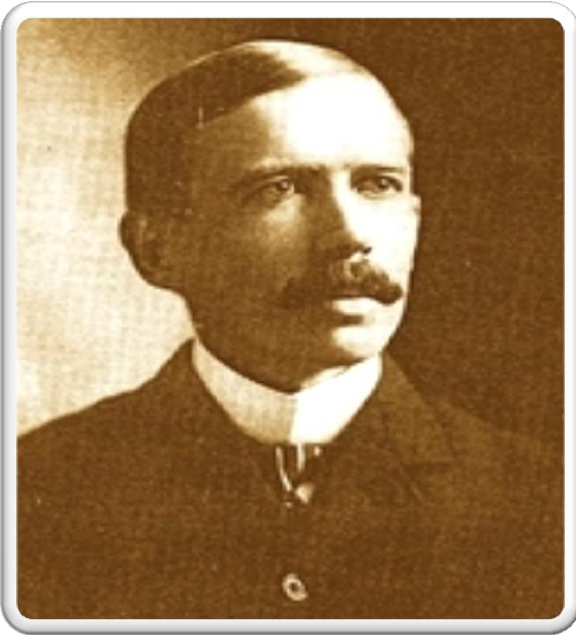
- **D.L.Moody gave the following saying for the prayer out of his life experience**

“If we do not love one another, we certainly shall not have much power in prayer”

“A man who prays much in private will make short prayers in public”

**“I'd rather be able to pray than to be a great preacher; Jesus Christ never taught his
disciples how to preach, but only how to pray”**

John Nelson Hyde



John Nelson Hyde was an American missionary

He was son of a Presbyterian minister

He preached in the Punjab, India

**He prayed to God to raise many missionaries
around the globe**

**Date of Birth: 9th November, 1865, Illinois,
United States**

**Date of Death: 17th February, 1912, Carthage,
Illinois, United States**

**John Nelson Hyde saying out of his life
experiences**

**“If we are willing to put ourselves into God’s hands, then God is willing to use us. But
there are two conditions: Obedience and purity”**

“If the heart be right, blessings cannot be withheld; it can only be delayed”

“Good missionaries become known as, powerful ones”

Billy Graham

**Billy Graham is an evangelical
Christian evangelist**

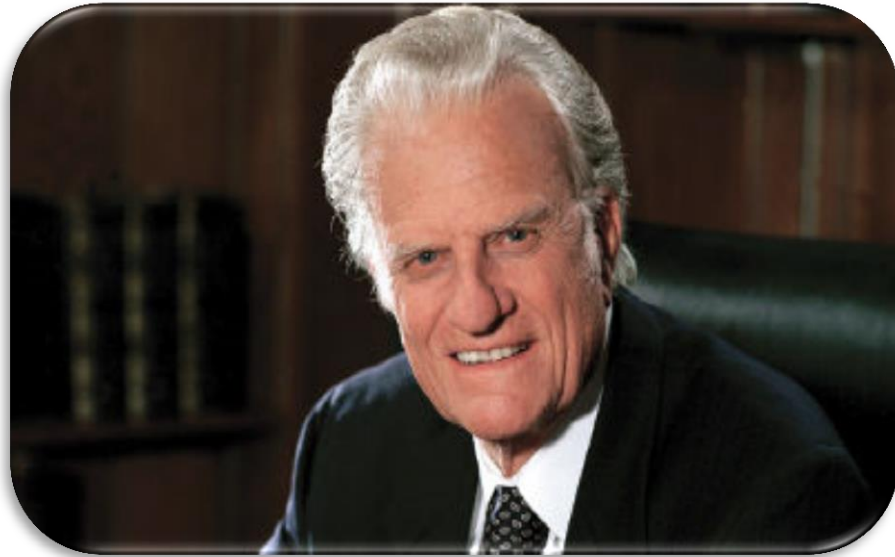
**Ordained as a Southern Baptist
minister**

**Rose to celebrity status in 1949
reaching millions of people**

**Date of Birth: 7th November, 1918,
Charlotte, North Carolina, United States**

Spouse: Ruth Graham - 1943–2007

**Children: Franklin Graham, Anne Graham Lotz, Ned Graham, Gigi Graham, Ruth
Graham**



Movies and TV shows

**Man in the 5th Dimension, Billy Graham: God's Ambassador, Hour of Decision, Billy
Graham**

Books: The Reason for My Hope: Salvation, Just as I am, more

Parents: William Franklin, Morrow Franklin

Billy Graham is the great man of God. He travelled around glob to preach the Gospel. His associates are there around the globe. I was privileged to work with his associate Dr.Akaber Abdul Haqq. We were conducted the crusades though him in our city Visakhapatnam

Billy Graham gave these flowing sayings for the prayer out of his experience in the life

“The Christian life is not a constant high. I have my moments of deep discouragement. I have to go to God in prayer with tears in my eyes, and say, 'O God, forgive me,' or 'Help me”

“It is not the body's posture, but the heart's attitude that counts when we pray”

“Prayer is simply a two-way conversation between you and God”

“The only time my prayers are never answered is on the golf course”

“The most eloquent prayer is the prayer through hands that heal and bless”



Paul (David) Yonggi Cho



David Yungi Cho is a Korean Christian minister

He is Senior Pastor and founder of the Yoido Full Gospel Church

World's largest congregation with a claimed membership of 830,000

Date of Birth: February 14, 1936, Ulsan, South Korea

Books: Prayer: Key to Revival, More Than Numbers, more

Children: Cho Hee-jun, Cho Seung-je, Cho Min-je

He is great servant of God who is running the large church congregation in the world. He is an inspiration to the God servants to do the effective work, which pleases God. A living church is the growing church

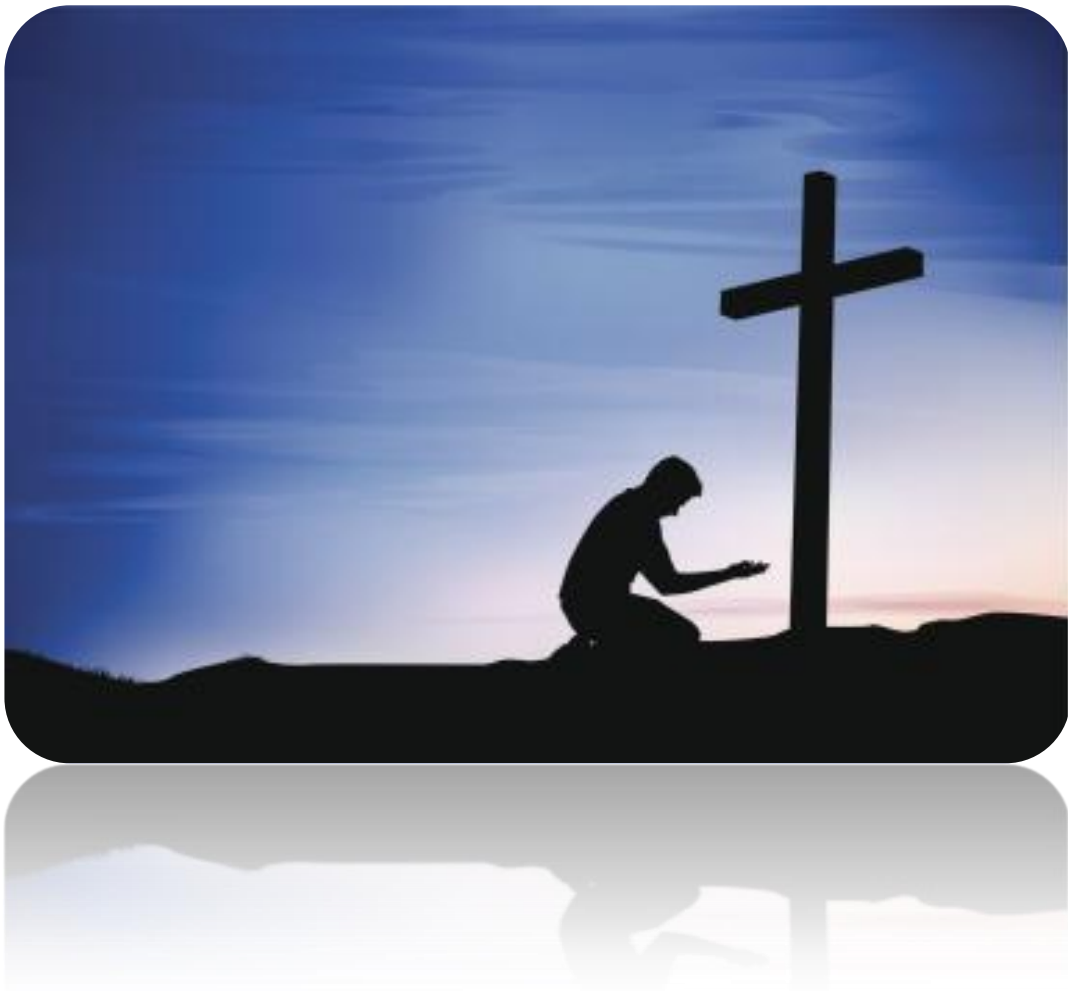
"We should always try to visualize the end result as we pray. If you have not visualized clearly in your heart exactly what you hope for, it cannot become a reality to you"

Prayer is an experience

While reading this book some people feel, yes I had this kind of experiences. Some people feel this is not possible. The scriptures saying

“Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him

Psalm 34:8”





One fine day in India, one Christian preacher was happened to attend the meeting of ethics. He is old man seventy years plus. In that meeting, the head of the organization gave an open challenge, can anyone here prove that there is God? This old man, who was the preacher, raised his hand up. They called him on to the stage to speak. That old man went up to the stage, stood in front of the micro phone. By

standing there he is watching all the people. Every one curiously watching, that what this old man do? Then this old man took a fruit of orange from his bag, started eating that. The people thought, as he was happened to be an old man, eating that for strength. As soon as he finished the eating of the orange fruit, he asked the head of the organization ho was there on the stage. Sir how was the taste of the fruit I ate. He smiled and said, hey old man how can I tell that? You ate that fruit, you can only tell that. Than the old preacher opened his mouth and said loudly, I have experienced the God in my life, how you will come to know that? He said to everyone that one must experience the God personally.

Prayer life is also the same. One must experience it personally. Once we experience the prayer life, we will enjoy it and it takes us in to the deep spiritual life.

Prayer less person is the powerless person. Prayer less church is the power less church.

I have many experiences in my life to share about the power of prayer.

Childhood Prayers



I was in the prayers even in my childhood. I use to see my mother's prayers. in that stage I use to imitate her. As the matter of fact I don't know what the prayer and its power. I did those prayers, because my mother is praying. Scriptures saying "Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it - Proverbs 22:6" lot of parents say that we told good things to our children, we don't know why they spoiled. They do not know that they have to train the child through their practical life. Children are the best imitators. Children don't care what you are preaching totem, they do everything, what you do. So my mother practical life thought me the prayer life. As the scripture says "Even when he is old he will not depart from it". That practical teaching of my mother made me the prayer warrior. Even in these sixty two years of life I am continuing the prayer life. Even from my childhood, I use to represent Jesus to people with my little knowledge. Same time I use to distribute the Gospel tracks to the people on the roads and the corners of the roads.

Youth Prayers



I was the youth leader in my mother church. That's a Baptist church. I use to do many activities through that position. I was the youth secretary. We use to call that youth wing as the "Christian Endeavor" we conducted many youth rallies and meeting through the Christian Endeavor. Every Wednesday was the youth prayer day. As I was the

leader, I must attend for that meeting. I was born and brought up from Christian family. I was fully equipped with the scriptures, and good in preaching. As the matter of fact all the Baptists are very good in the knowledge of scriptures. One fine day on 7th of February 1972, we all the youth gathered for prayers at our mother church. That was the season in our city, the Holy Ghost moving among the youth. God raised many youth from all the churches in the city. That team was there on that for the prayers. My turn came for the prayer. I know how to pray from my childhood. Besides that I am good with the scriptures. I started the prayer by using the Bible verses in my prayer. In other words we can say, preaching in the prayer. During my prayer, the Holy Ghost came on to me, I really do not know what's happening to me. I started crying loudly and admitting every sin I did till that

day in my life. I was praying with tears for about two hours. When the prayer came to an end, I became like flying in the air. That was the strange experience in my life. The people around me, knows what is happening to me. That was fist experience to me in my life. Oh! What a strange experience. I came to know that was the re-born experience. As the scriptures said “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come - 2 Corinthians 5:17’ this scripture took place in my life. I became anew creation. I left all of worldly friends from that day. Till that day, I use to chat with them till the midnights. Being the new creation, I turned my route towards the believers. Spending much time in the prayers and sharing my testimony to the people that how Jesus came into my life. Many people came to Jesus through my testimony. When I gave my testimony in the mother church in front of big crowed, I mentioned the scripture “I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of my hand - John 10:28”. My father – in –law Rev.D.Benjamin listen that testimony, and decided to give his eldest daughter to me as the wife. That testimony was the foundation for my marriage.

God made me like fire brand and used me among the youth. I was able to lead around thirty young people in the prayers. We the youth use to spent in the prayer all night on every Friday. In the early hours of the Saturday, we all the youth go in the streets to proclaim the Gospel. We use to in two lines with singing the gospel songs. Some time we use to face attacks through the Hindu leaders. All that thirty young people are now in the good positions and living as the witness to the Living God. Some of them became pastors and some of them became the evangelists.

In those days we all the youth formed as the organization called as the “Personal Revival Ministry” and did great ministry by holding the public meetings and the youth meeting. We gave those details in the book “Down of Victory” which was included in my first book “Journey of Life” The Autobiography of Rev. Dr. Pasala Victor Prabhakar.

You will have Audio and Auto page turning feature in this book.

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Adult Prayers



The prayer life was continuing in my life.

When I was joined in the Ship Yard for my livelihood, there also I started the prayer cells. In the rest time we use to gather and spent time in the prayers. Gradually many prayer

cells were stated in the different departments in the Ship Yard. Those people call me as the father of prayer cells in Ship Yard. I was there for eighteen years. All these eighteen years by working there, I use to go to the villages to proclaim the gospel and same time doing he ministry through the Personal Revival Ministry. I can say the work in the Ship Yard is the secondary, God`s works the main for me. All those eighteen years I prayed to God to open the doors for me to come for the full time ministry. I was prayed totally eighteen years.

Some people expect the result for the prayers very quick. God answers the prayers.

Sometimes delay. There will be the plan and purpose of God in everything. We are noting to teach God, we need to wait at the feet of God for the right time. After the eighteen years God called me to the full time ministry. That was the time I use to get good size of salary.

We need to sacrifice the things to walk with God. I left the Ship Yard on 31st of April 1972.

From 1972 1st May I was in the full time ministry. That was the answer to my prayers.

Prayers in the Ministry

Prayer Preparation



After coming to the full time ministry, the real problems were started. First six months I have no work. By that time my ministry is preaching in church with invitation, conducting the gospel meetings. There were no invitations to preach in the churches. No money to hold the meetings. Simply sitting at home all the day and praying. No money even to go out. Those are the days made so strong in prayers. I was crying every day at the feet of God. My wife use to go to school, as she was the teacher. Only son use to go to school, as he is in the elementary school. You can understand the situation a person lonely at the house without any work. I cannot forget those days in my life. Those days made me so strong in the prayer life.

Prayers in Church Ministry



e started the church with fifteen people. There was no encouragement. As we have
Wno permanent church building, people were think twice to come to our church.
There was no rapid growth in the ministry. We faced the difficulty to pay the bills
to run the church. There was no other way than prayers. We use to offer the great
prayers to the living God for the help and rescue. God open the doors and started to add
the new people to the church. The number slowly rose up to five hundred within five years.
We saw the result of the prayers. We also use to have the five hundred Sunday school
children besides the main church. The growth makes us happy and raised the God for
answering the prayers. Once the church started growing new problems rose attacks
through the Hindu leaders and the namely Christian leaders. We were pushed to pray
more for the situations. Those day we all the church spent much time in the prayers.

Prayers for the ministry protection



We were in the situation to protect the congregation one side, other side struggling for the existence. We were pushed out all of sudden from the mission school with five hundred members. Our prayers only open the doors for us to go to another venue for ten years, from there to another place for one year, then to another place, where we are now. We can say one hundred percent that our prayers only protecting us from theses troubles. God answered all of our prayers. Our prayers were not for any of the worldly things. Our prayers were only for the ministry. God honored our prayers by helping us in every move. As the scriptures said “Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him – Acts 12:5” the prayers of the church so powerful and made us to stand in the Ministry for God.

Prayers in the family life



family prays together will live together. I myself learned about the family prayers from my parents. Without family prayers there was no food for us. After the family prayers only my mother used to give food for us. So the prayer is first in our family. As I have learned that from childhood, it is continuing till today. We will have the family prayers in the early morning. We all pray one after one, same time in the night before we go to bed, we will have the family prayers. All of us pray in that prayer meeting. Personal prayers are different from this. In total prayers makes the vital role in the family. When there was no pray in the family, then the troubles will come. As the scriptures says “Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak - Matthew 26:41” families stand only through prayers. I have witnessed that in my life.

Personal Prayers in the family



Besides the family prayers, every individual needs the personal prayers. We can share the things with God which we cannot mention in the family prayers. Personal pray is so strong. Personal prayers help the family to stand strong. Personal prayers will teach us adjust and humble ourselves with other family members. In the personal prayers God reveals the situations of the family and tells us where we need to adjust with one another. Oneness will come through the personal prayers in the family. Everyone will have the different opinions in the family, the personal prayers in the family make someone to understand and adjust with others to keep the family with oneness. Satan always attacks on family. That's what he did to Adam and Eve. Family is the foundation for the society, when its spoil, it will affect to the society. So prayer will work on family very much.

My personal prayer experience



I can say the prayer is only making me to stand for the Christ. Inside and outside battles were own by the payer only. Every day is the new day for me. Problems are there around me. Everything is the problem, bills to pay, meet the needs of the people, sickness of inside and outside, problems within the families of church. There are many like this. This is the reason for me to get up in the early morning every to pray. I am praying for the church people, including the relatives and friends. Coming to the family, it is very important as the scripture says “When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would make arrangements for them to be purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, “Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts.” This was Job’s regular custom - Job 1:5” I do this for my family every day. I can tell one hundred percent that my family stood for Jesus only through my prayers. I pray in all times in the day. Sometimes kneel down, sometimes while walking, and sometimes while working, sometime sleeping. In any means I pray to god all times.

Final word

We came to know the power of prayer through many examples and the scriptures including the statements of the servants of God. Through the prayer we talk to God, walk with God, fellowship God, receive the strength from God, understand His plans, and receive the message from Him, uphold others for their needs, guidance for the ministry, Holy Ghost power demonstration, learning humility, forbearing others, feeding and leading others, in total everything through the prayers.

“Prayer changes things”

“When we kneel down Satan will tremble”

“Through prayers cast out the devils”

“Prayer teaches us to live for Him”

“Prayers make us perfect”

“Prayer less person is the power less person”

“Prayer Leads us into the deep spiritual life”

“Prayers perform the miracles”

Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

**“And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit” –
James 5: 17 – 18”**

**We can live for Christ Jesus, only through the
“Power of Prayer”**





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